

The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, London, was approved under a scheme of reciprocity with two General Hospitals, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C. or Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.

Miss Mary Emma Webb, S.R.N., City Hospital, Little Bromwich, was appointed on the Board of Examiners for the Final Examination in Fever Nursing in place of Miss Balsillie, who has completed her term of office on the Board of Examiners.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that it had met once and that it had considered the Report of the interview between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and members of the Committee on State Registration of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association on Thursday, May 23rd. It had also considered the reply to be sent to the letter from the Royal Medico-Psychological Association dated February 6th, 1929, and recommended that the letter and Memorandum be forwarded to the General Secretary of that Association.

Dr. Worth, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, who presented its Report, said that "some words had crept into the Report" and it would need further consideration.

Miss Cox Davies moved and Miss Bushby seconded that the alterations should be confined to verbal alterations, and that the draft as recommended by the Mental Nursing Committee be accepted.

Dr. Buchan objected and considered that the whole Report should be open for discussion and Miss Haldane expressed the opinion that this was the right procedure.

The Chairman said she gathered that the Council was in favour of discussing the Report of the Mental Nursing Committee *in camera*, and this was arranged.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between May 1st and 31st amounted to 2,937 letters received, and 5,421 letters despatched, that the interviews numbered 253 and that 135 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

Uniform.

On the recommendation of the Uniform Committee, it was agreed to grant duplicate permits to two Registered Nurses to obtain the State Registered Uniform, the loss of the Permits having been reported six months ago.

Date of Next Monthly Meeting.

The Chairman announced that the July Meeting of the Council would be held on July 26th, and that there would be a meeting of the Council on June 21st, for the purpose of formally passing the Examination List.

The Chairman also announced that the Exhibit arranged by the Council in connection with that of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain at the International Council of Nurses in Montreal in July was on view in the Secretary's Office. The Council then went into *camera* (1) on the Auditor's Report, and (2) on the Report of the interview with Members of the Committee on State Registration of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, and the letter and Memorandum to be forwarded to the General Secretary of that Association.

On public business being resumed, Dr. Fawcett, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved "That the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, as submitted, be adopted." This was agreed and the Report of the Finance Committee adopted.

Dr. Worth, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, then moved "that the letter and Memorandum, as amended, be forwarded to the General Secretary of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association."

This was unanimously agreed, and the Report of the Mental Nursing Committee as a whole adopted.

The meeting then terminated.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

We have been furnished by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales with the following documents relating to their interview with the Royal Medico-Psychological Association on May 23rd.

1. Copy of letter and appendices from the R.M.P.A. to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales dated February 6th.

2. Report from the Mental Nursing Committee, on the Report referred by the General Nursing Council for its consideration of the interview between the Council and Members of the Committee on State Registration on May 23rd.

3. The reply recommended by the Mental Nursing Committee to be sent to the letter from the Medico-Psychological Association of February 6th.

There were present at the interview—

Members of the General Nursing Council.

Miss E. M. Musson in the Chair.	
Miss Cox Davies.	Miss Gullan.
Miss Alsop.	Miss Haldane.
Mr. Blackman.	Miss Hogg.
Miss Bremner.	Miss Lloyd Still.
Miss Brown.	Miss Meadows.
Miss Bushby.	Dr. Murrell.
Miss Clark.	Miss Sparshott.
Dr. Fawcett.	Miss Villiers.
	Miss Wilson.

Members of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

Professor Robertson, Scotland.
Dr. Leeper, Irish Free State.
Dr. Nolan, Northern Ireland.
Dr. Rambaut, England.
Colonel Nathan Raw, England.
Dr. Buchanan, Scotland.

The Chairman informed the representatives that the letter sent by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association on February 6th, 1929, had been considered by the Council, but a reply had not yet been sent as the Association had, in that letter, also asked for an interview for the purpose of discussing the proposals contained therein. She stated that the Council quite appreciated the very valuable work which the Royal Medico-Psychological Association had done in the past, not only for patients in Mental Hospitals, but also in the education of, and in establishing an Examination for, Mental Nurses. Other bodies, and certain hospitals, had done the same in the case of other branches of nursing, for which the Nursing Profession was very grateful. She then called upon Professor Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on State Registration of Nurses of the R.M.P.A., to speak for the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

THE CLAIM OF THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

Professor Robertson claimed that the Royal Medico-Psychological Association did not rank with ordinary hospitals, and could not be compared on the same ground at all. The R.M.P.A. was, he said, an Imperial body, which unified the training and education of all Mental Nurses throughout the whole kingdom and some of the Dominions as well.

He admitted that the General Nursing Council had been authorised by Parliament to supervise and attend to the Training, Examination and Registration of Mental Nurses, and they acknowledged its position in this respect. The Registration of Nurses so far as Hospital Nurses were concerned, but he did not think it was inaccurate to say that Registration of Mental Nurses after four years was a failure and fiasco. At present 5 per cent. of Mental Nurses, to be accurate 212, was the exact number.

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