

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The ninety-eighth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, January 18th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., was in the chair.

Election of Chairman.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the first business was the election of the Chairman for the ensuing year. Miss Musson, therefore, vacated the chair, which was taken by Miss E. S. Haldane.

The Registrar announced that Miss Musson had been nominated as Chairman by 19 members of the Council, and there was no other nomination.

Miss Musson was, therefore, elected.

On resuming the chair, Miss Musson expressed her thanks to the Council for their renewed confidence, and said that she would do her best to serve it during her new term of office.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Miss Cox-Davies was then re-elected Vice-Chairman and, in returning thanks, said that her endeavour would be to act with the Chairman.

Correspondence.

It was reported that the following letter, dated December 22nd, 1928, from the Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty the Queen had been received:—

Buckingham Palace.

"The Lady-in-Waiting is commanded by the Queen to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council enclosing the Resolution of sympathy towards Her Majesty as passed at the meeting of the General Nursing Council.

"The Queen thanks all the members most warmly for their sympathy, and is deeply appreciative of the Resolution so passed."

A letter was also received from Mrs. Cronshaw thanking the Council for their letter of sympathy on the death of her husband.

Registration.

The applications of four applicants for registration by reciprocity, and four by examination, for the Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses, were approved.

The re-inclusion of the names in the Register of seventeen nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and who now wished their names re-included, was authorised.

The Council directed that the names of 1,762 nurses who had not paid their Retention Fees for 1929 should be removed from the Register.

The Registration Committee reported that the number of Nurses registered during the year 1928 was as follows:—

NURSES REGISTERED DURING 1928.	
General Part of the Register	3,464
Supplementary Part of the Register for—	
Male Nurses	3
Mental Nurses	60
Nurses for Mental Defectives	—
Sick Children's Nurses	143
Fever Nurses	417
	4,087

TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSES REGISTERED.

The Registration Committee further reported that the

total number of Nurses registered from September 21st to December 31st, 1928, was as follows:—

		Including by Examination.
General Part of the Register ..	51,403	10,182
Supplementary Part of the Register for:—		
Male Nurses	250	15
Mental Nurses	7,184	191
Nurses for Mental Defectives ..	378	1
Sick Children's Nurses	1,484	438
Fever Nurses	3,473	1,248
	64,172	12,075

Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee reported that they had considered applications from the authorities of Voluntary Hospitals for recognition as Training Schools for Nurses, and recommended—

"That the following hospitals be recognised as Training Schools which in combination with other public hospitals give complete training under Section I. (2) of the Scheme of Training:—

"Lymington and District Cottage Hospital; in affiliation with Hampstead General Hospital.

"Malton, Norton and District Cottage Hospital, in affiliation with Sunderland Royal Infirmary.

"Carmarthen County Infirmary, in affiliation with Swansea General and Eye Hospital (for a period of one year from January 18th, 1929.)"

"That the Bristol Homoeopathic Hospital and the Fulwood Union Hospital be now recognised as complete Training Schools for Nurses."

That a number of applicants should be added to the Panel of Examiners.

The recommendations of the Education and Examination Committee were approved.

The Committee reported that they had drafted a reply to a letter dated July 19th, 1928, from the Ministry of Health with reference to the proposed scheme of Inspection of Training Schools, referred by the Council on October 19th, 1928. This draft was considered by the Council *in camera* at the close of the meeting.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported simply that they had met once. This, the Chairman remarked, did not mean that there had been no discussion.

Finance.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee that the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved, and that the sum of £100 for Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £10 for Petty Cash be allowed; and that the estimate of Messrs. Butler & Tanner, Ltd., amounting to £1,542 for 250 copies of the Register of Nurses for 1929, be accepted, were approved.

The Committee reported that the question had arisen as to the liability of the Council in regard to the expenses of any Examiner who might be taken ill or meet with an accident after leaving home on the Council's business, that the Committee are making further enquiry on the matter and would report later to Council. The Chairman of the Council stated that there did not seem to be any liability on the part of the Council, but it appeared right that the Finance Committee should pursue the matter further.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported:—(a) That the correspondence dealt with in the office between December 1st and 31st, 1928, amounted to:—Letters received 3,895, letters despatched 5,613; (b) That the interviews numbered 240; (c) That 86 permits were issued for the

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