

The names of 92 nurses who had failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished these re-included in the Register, were approved for re-inclusion.

Education and Examination.

The Education Committee reported that they had considered applications from the authorities of Voluntary and Poor Law Hospitals for approval as Training Schools for Nurses. On their recommendation the following were approved:—The Nelson Hospital, Merton, S.W., provisionally, as a complete Training School for Nurses for a period of one year, the Gordon Hospital London, S.W. in affiliation with Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, instead of with the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet.

The Committee reported that it had considered (a) the Scheme for conducting the State Examinations; (b) the Regulations for the Conduct of the State Examinations. It made the following Recommendations, which were moved by the Chairman of the Council, and approved:—

(a) "That the Scheme for Conducting the State Examinations (approved by Council 16th November, 1923) Para. I. and Para. II. (1) Para. II. (2)(a) and (b) (1) (2) (3) (4), be rescinded, and the following additions and alterations made:—

"Para. I. To add Bradford and Brighton to the List of Examination Centres, and to add Ipswich, Plymouth and Swansea as alternative Centres to Norwich, Exeter and Cardiff."

"Para. II. (1) The Preliminary Examination. To alter the number of question in each paper from 6 to 4, certain questions to be marked compulsory.

"Para. II. (2)(a) and (b) (1) (2) (3) (4). To alter the number of questions in the Final Examination for the General and Supplementary Parts of the Register as follows:—

General Register and Male Nurses' Register—Four questions instead of six in the Morning Paper; six questions instead of ten in the Afternoon Paper.

Mental Nurses' Register—Seven questions instead of ten in each paper.

Sick Children's Nurses' Register—Four questions instead of six in each paper.

Fever Nurses' Register—Four questions instead of six.

And that certain questions in all the Examinations be marked compulsory.

(b) That the Regulations for Conduct of the State Examinations (approved by Council 21st September, 1923) Para. 3, Para. (1), Para. (2) (a), (b) (1) (2) (3) (4) be rescinded and the same additions and alterations be made as in the Scheme for Conducting the State Examinations."

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that a letter with reference to a nurse who was stated to be falsely using the title of State Registered Nurse had been considered, and that particulars of the case had been forwarded to the Council's solicitor with instructions to take the necessary action.

The action of the Committee was approved.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that the Report of the Conference with representatives of the Mental Hospitals Association referred back from the last meeting of the Council had been considered and that the last paragraph of page 5 of the Agenda before Council on February 28th had been rephrased.

It will be remembered that at the February meeting of the Council the Mental Nursing Committee reported that a Conference between the Mental Nursing Committee and the representatives of the Mental Hospitals Association took place on Tuesday, January 21st, and submitted a Report of the Conference. Dr. Worth, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, who was not present when the Report was drafted, took exception to the phrasing of a sentence concerning a remark made by himself. Ultimately the Report was referred back to the Mental Nursing Committee. The Committee now reported that the Report on the Conference with Representatives of the Mental

Hospitals Association had been reconsidered. They recommended, and it was agreed, that the paragraph under discussion should be re-phrased to read as follows:—

"Dr. Worth expressed regret that something more satisfactory had not arisen out of the interview. So far as he could see the two Examinations would exist for some time, but that of the General Nursing Council, he thought, would remain the examination for registration purposes. It was absolutely essential that nurses who were going to take up the nursing profession and remain as nurses (i.e., who were not going to nurse in one hospital where they trained, but were going to do private nursing elsewhere) should be registered."

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between February 1st and 28th amounted to 3,727 letters received, and 5,196 letters despatched, that the interviews numbered 124, and that 125 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

The State Uniform.

It was agreed to issue duplicate permits to obtain the State Uniform to eleven nurses, the loss of whose permits was reported six months ago.

Date of next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for April 25th.

Disciplinary Case.

The Council then considered the case of Miss Edna Lovekin, S.R.N., 13699, deferred from the Council Meeting on March 22nd, 1929.

The Chairman said that this case was deferred for a year, certain conditions being imposed. Miss Lovekin had carried out her undertaking to report periodically to the Council, and a good report had also been received from her doctor (Dr. C. T. Milne).

The Council then deliberated *in camera*, and their decision was subsequently communicated to the Press.

Resolution.

"That in the case of Miss Edna Lovekin, S.R.N., 13699, judgment on whose case was deferred for a year on March 22nd, 1929, subject to certain conditions, these conditions having been fulfilled, and Council having now received satisfactory assurance of her conduct during the interval her name be not removed from the Register."

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

The results of the State Examinations are as under:—

PRELIMINARY STATE EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY, 1930.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.
Complete Examination	1,824	86	1,738	1,190	542
Re-entries for Part Examination	248	11	237	159	77

One candidate was disqualified for taking text-book into Examination room. Percentage of Failures: Complete Examination, 31.1 per cent.; Re-entries for Part Examination, 32.5 per cent.

FINAL STATE EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY, 1930.

SUPPLEMENTARY PARTS OF THE REGISTER.

Examination.	GENERAL REGISTER.	Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Children's Nurses.	Sick Nurses.	Fever Nurses.
<i>Entered</i> —						
Whole	1328	1627	1	24	67	202
Part	299		1	1	13	32
<i>Absent</i> —						
Whole	50	60		1	2	5
Part	10				2	2
<i>Present</i> —						
Whole	1278	1	24	67	107	
Part	280			11	30	
Disqualified for taking text-book into Examination Room	1	1	24	78	30	
<i>Passed</i> —						
Whole	921	1043	1	18	41	129
Part	122		1	6	6	11
<i>Failed</i> —						
Whole	357	523		6	26	68
Part	166			5	5	19
<i>Percentage of Failures</i> —						
Whole	27.0%	—	25%	38.8%	34.5%	
Part	57.4%	—	—	45.4%	63.3%	

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