

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and tenth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1., the Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C. presiding.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Chairman reported that the case of Annie Violet Tilt, to which reference was made in these minutes, had been heard at Bromsgrove. The defendant through her counsel pleaded guilty to the charge against her of unlawfully using the title of Registered Nurse and other offences, and was fined £3. (A full account of the proceedings will be found on page 77).

In regard to item 4 on the Agenda, the disciplinary case of Miss Florence Annie Salmon, the Chairman drew attention to the fact that this was dealt with in a different way to the other disciplinary cases, the reason being that if a Registered Nurse has been sentenced to imprisonment, it is not necessary to prove a *prima facie* case against her, as under the Nurses' Registration Act the case can be dealt with under Rule 17 (4).

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £20 for insurance stamps, £10 for Petty Cash and £5,300 for Examiners' Claims and Expenses in connection with the February Examinations be allowed.

The Committee also reported that in accordance with authority granted at the Council Meeting on January 24th the sum of £7,500 has been invested in new 5 per cent. Loan 1944-1964 "A," fully paid, at a cost of £7,514 11s. 3d. and that the Council's holding of £5,000 War Loan had been converted into the same stock.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 12 of the General Purposes Committee for Equipment for the Registration Department at a cost of £139 8s.

### Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee one application for duplicate certificate of Registration in place of one which had been lost was granted, on condition that should the original be recovered the duplicate will be returned to the office of the Council. Two applications for duplicate Silver Badges were also granted.

Applications approved for Registration at the meeting were: For the General Part of the Register (by Reciprocity), six. For the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by examination, eight.

It was agreed to re-include in the Register the names of 152 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee and now wished their names re-included.

### Education and Examination.

The Council have, on the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, granted the following applications for approval from the authorities of Voluntary and Poor Law Hospitals.

As complete Training Schools for Nurses, Putney Hospital, Putney Common, London and Hounslow Hospital, Hounslow.

The following hospitals were provisionally approved for one year: St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, in affiliation with Providence Free Hospital, St. Helen's and the Carmarthen County Hospital in connection with the Swansea General and Eye Hospital (a continuation for another year of the present provisional approval).

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the name of Wellington and District

Cottage Hospital, in affiliation with the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, was removed from the list of approved affiliated Training Schools.

The following members of the Council were appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of the Examinations. Miss Musson (Chairman) and Miss Cox-Davis (Vice-Chairman) Ex-officio, Miss Lloyd-Still, Miss Bushby, Dr. Fawcett, Miss Gullan, Miss Hogg and Miss Sparshott.

### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that they had considered the case of Miss Florence Annie Salmon, S.R.N., 46666, convicted on January 18th, 1930 at Marlborough Street Police Court, and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment in the second division for theft.

The case was later considered in camera.

### Mental Nursing.

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, 1930. Dr. Worth, Chairman of the Committee, criticised and wished to alter its Report as printed on the Agenda, in particular in relation to the last paragraph on page 5, attributed to himself, which he said he had only recently had an opportunity of reading.

The Chairman asked whether he was questioning the correctness and wording of the Report. Dr. Worth said he was not questioning its correctness, but things which were spoken required careful drafting before appearing in print.

The Chairman said that the Report had been carefully gone through by the Committee, and Mr. Blackman said the Report was identical with that on the table.

Miss Cox-Davies tried to elicit what were Dr. Worth's objections.

Miss Bushby thought it was a bad precedent if a Report which had been adopted and presented by a Committee could be altered by its Chairman in the Council.

Dr. Buchan considered that, as a point of order, the Report should either be adopted or referred back to the Committee as a whole.

It appeared that Dr. Worth was not present at the Meeting of the Mental Committee which considered the Report.

After some discussion it was resolved to withhold the Report on the Agenda for the present and refer it back to the Mental Nursing Committee.

### Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that they had elected Miss Sparshott Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

The Correspondence dealt with in the Office between January 1st and 31st amounted to 2,606 letters received, and 10,820 letters despatched. The number of interviews was 159, and 151 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

### The State Registered Uniform.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Uniform Committee it was agreed to issue duplicate permits, to obtain the State Registered Uniform, to eight nurses.

### Chairmen of Standing Committees for 1930.

The Chairmen of the Standing Committees for the ensuing year are as follows:—

*Finance.*—Dr. Fawcett.

*Registration.*—Miss Alsop.

*Education and Examination.*—Miss Lloyd Still.

*Disciplinary and Penal Cases.*—Miss Bushby.

*Mental Nursing.*—Dr. Worth.

*General Purposes.*—Miss Sparshott.

*Uniform.*—Miss Villiers.

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