

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and twenty-fifth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, June 26th, at 2.30 p.m., at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., presided.

Dr. Charles Porter, M.D., C.M., B.Sc., who has been appointed a member of the Council by the Minister of Health in place of Dr. Buchan, resigned, was welcomed by the Chairman in the name of the Council.

The Chairman reported that an invitation had been received from the University of Leeds, asking the Council to send a delegate to attend the Centenary Celebrations of the Foundation of the Medical School of the University on June 30th and July 1st. It was agreed to accept the invitation, and Miss Cox-Davies was appointed to act.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee various estimates for printing were approved, and the Committee raised no objection to recommendations of the General Purposes Committee as to the purchase of equipment, an increase in the monthly estimate for cleaning windows and in the estimate for cleaning the front part of the house, and these were approved by the Council.

Registration.

Applications from Registered Nurses for duplicate certificates and for a duplicate silver badge, all of which had been lost, were granted.

Applications for approval for Registration were granted for the General Part of the Register, by reciprocity, 3; for the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses by Examination, 6, and by reciprocity, 2.

The Council sanctioned the reinclusion in the Register of the names of 15 nurses who had failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names reincluded.

Education and Examination.

The Queen Alexandra Memorial Hospital, Weston-super-Mare, was approved as a complete Training School.

The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, was provisionally approved as a training school which, in combination with another public hospital, gives complete training.

The names of those candidates who satisfied the examiners in the May State Examinations were referred to the Executive Committee for Registration.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., had been elected Chairman of the Committee in place of Dr. Buchan.

That Dr. Charles Porter had been appointed a member of the Committee in place of Dr. Buchan.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between May 1st and 30th amounted to 3,503 letters received, and 5,962 letters despatched. The interviews numbered 182 and 241 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

The State Uniform.

Duplicate permits were issued to four nurses to obtain the State Registered Nurses' Uniform who had reported the loss of their permits six months ago.

Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for July 24th.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

The results of the State Examinations, held in May, 1931, under the authority of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, are as under:—

PRELIMINARY STATE EXAMINATION, MAY, 1931.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
Complete Examination...	2,715	125	2,590	1,754	836	32.3 %
Re-entries for Part Examination ...	389	16	373	237	136	36.5 %

FINAL STATE EXAMINATIONS, MAY, 1931.

	General Register.	Supplementary parts of the Register.				
		Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Children's Nurses.	Sick Nurses.	Fever Nurses.
Entered—						
Whole Examination	1,567	7	69	87	216	} 255
Part Examination	449	—	4	15	39	
Absent—						
Whole Examination	39	—	1	5	7	} 8
Part Examination	8	—	—	—	—	
Present—						
Whole Examination	1,528	7	68	82	209	} 247
Part Examination	441	—	4	15	38	
Passed—						
Whole Examination	1,119	7	46	64	153	} 183
Part Examination	244	—	2	8	25	
Failed—						
Whole Examination	409	—	22	18	51	} 64
Part Examination	197	—	2	7	13	
Percentage of Failures—						
Whole Examination	26.8%	—	32.4%	21.9%	24.4%	
Part Examination	44.7%	—	50%	46.7%	34.2%	

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the chair at the meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, May 29th.

In the absence of Colonel Mackintosh, the Convener of the Education and Examination Committee, the Report of that Committee was presented by the Chairman. In accordance with the Committee's recommendations, the Council agreed to recognise the Public Health Hospital, Wester Moffat, Airdrie, in affiliation with the County Hospital, Motherwell, for the Fever Nurses' Part of the Register.

It was further agreed that in future the Final Examination for General and Sick Children's Nurses should be divided into three papers, the first to consist of Bacteriology and Surgical Nursing and Gynæcology; the second to consist of Medical Nursing and Venereal Diseases; and the third to consist of Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part II, and Dietetics and Cooking. It was also resolved that the fee for re-examination in each of these papers should be £1 1s.

Ten members of the General Nursing Council for Scotland were present at its meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, June 19th, and in the absence of Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., the Chairman of the Council, the Chair was occupied by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Vice-Chairman.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the arrangements for the October Examination were approved, and the Examiners appointed.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION—ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY. Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part I.

The following were appointed Nurse Examiners in the Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part I:—Miss E. Brodie, Glasgow; Miss I. Stewart, Glasgow, Miss M. Thomson, Motherwell; Miss A. F. C. Jack, Glasgow; Miss A. I. Peterkin, Edinburgh; Miss A. S. Gardner, Bangour; Miss M. C. Cameron, Glasgow.

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