

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, was held on Friday, November 27th, at 2.30 p.m., at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presided.

Miss Musson announced letters from Lady Galway and Miss Haldane at inability to attend.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for postage stamps, £20 for insurance stamps, and £10 for petty cash allowed.

It was reported that the sum of £7,000 had been invested as follows:—

£3,490 9s. 3d.—3½% Conversion Inscribed Stock.
£7,047 17s. 7d.—2½% Consolidated Inscribed Stock.

The Committee reported that it had considered the question of the expenses incurred by hospitals in connection with the Practical Examinations. It recommended (Recommendation 2) "that a flat-rate payment of £2 2s. for one day's examination and £1 1s. for every additional day's examination be made to Hospitals which may desire to make a claim."

Dr. Porter asked if the Council might have some explanation of Recommendation 2.

Dr. Fawcett explained that it arose out of a letter from a Hospital in the North asking the Council to consider whether it would be willing to pay them a small sum in compensation for outgoing expenses, of which no doubt there must be a certain amount, such as heating, lighting, provision of accessories for the Examinations, etc. The Committee thought the request a very reasonable one, and that the request should be acceded to. As a result the Committee considered whether an offer should be made to the other hospitals at which the Practical Examinations were held, asking them if they would care to make any claim. After procuring some information on the subject the Committee came to the conclusion that two guineas for the first day and one guinea for each succeeding day would be a reasonable sum to pay in this connection.

Dr. Porter asked what form it was proposed that the communication to the hospitals should take.

Dr. Fawcett explained that the members of the Committee felt that the Council might like to take this opportunity of expressing to the authorities who provided accommodation their very cordial thanks, and appreciation of their courtesy and help, for what they had done. Both Voluntary and Poor Law Hospitals had provided the Council with all the accommodation and the accessories required free of charge. Nor had they made any charge for light, heat, or cleaning, and it would have been very difficult to have carried on the examinations, at any rate in the early days of the Council, without their help.

They had continuously and consistently extended to the Council their good will, and in every way shown an anxiety to help it.

Miss Cowlin proposed that "a flat rate payment of £2 2s. for one day's examination, and one guinea for every additional day's examination be made to the hospitals which may act as centres for the Examinations," and this was seconded by Dr. Porter.

After a discussion in which the Chairman, Miss Lloyd Still, Miss Sparshott, Miss Alsop, Miss Cox-Davies, and Mr. Harper took part the amendment was put to the meeting, when two voted for it. The amendment was therefore lost.

Recommendation 2, as proposed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, was then carried.

It was agreed that the estimate of Messrs. Butler & Tanner, Ltd., for printing the Register of Nurses for 1932, amounting to £1,719, be accepted.

Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee it was agreed to issue Certificates marked "Duplicate" to a Registered Sick Children's Nurse upon the payment by her of 10s. for such Certificates.

Applications for approval for Registration on November 27th were: General Part of the Register, by Reciprocity 5; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination 7, by Reciprocity 6.

It was agreed to reinclude in the Register the names of 29 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names to be reincluded.

Registration and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee made the following recommendations which were approved:—

"That the following hospital be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for a period of one year from November 27th, 1931. Victoria Hospital, Worksop.

"That the following hospital be provisionally approved as a Training School in affiliation with University College Hospital, London, under Section 1 (1) (b) of the Council's Scheme of Training, for a period of one year from November 27th, 1931. Hornsey Central Hospital, London.

"That the scheme of affiliation between the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, and the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Ealing, be approved."

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between October 1st and 31st amounted to 11,242 letters received and 20,115 letters despatched. The interviews numbered 225, and 144 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

On the recommendation of the Committee it was agreed that the offices be closed for Christmas Holiday from mid-day on Thursday, December 24th, until Tuesday morning, December 29th.

Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for December 18th.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

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The results of the State Examinations are as under:—

Preliminary State Examination, October, 1931.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
Complete Examination...	2,777	113	2,664	1,770	894	33.5 %
Re-entries for Part Examination ...	355	.12	343	169	174	50.8 %

Final State Examination, October, 1931.

	Supplementary parts of the Register.				
	General Register.	Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Sick Children's Nurses.	Fever Nurses.
Entered—					
Whole Examination	1,819 } 2,245	6 } 6	45 } 59	88 } 109	230 } 260
Part Examination	426		14	23	30
Absent—					
Whole Examination	40 } 51	— } —	1 } 2	4 } 4	10 } 14
Part Examination	11		1	—	4
Present—					
Whole Examination	1,779 } 2,194	6 } 6	44 } 57	82 } 105	226 } 246
Part Examination	415		13	23	20
Passed—					
Whole Examination	1,342 } 1,568	6 } 6	29 } 35	55 } 64	157 } 177
Part Examination	226		6	9	20
Failed—					
Whole Examination	437 } 626	— } —	15 } 22	27 } 41	63 } 69
Part Examination	189		7	14	6
Percentage of Failures—					
Whole Examination	24.5%	—	34%	32.9%	28.6%
Part Examination	45.5%	—	53.8%	60.8%	23%

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