

"That the additional schemes of reciprocity between the Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill, and the Metropolitan Hospital and the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London, be approved."

The Committee reported that the following were appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of the Examinations:—Miss Musson and Miss Cox-Davies *ex-officio*. Miss Lloyd Still, Dr. Fawcett, Miss Gullan, Miss Hogg.

The Committee reported that Miss G. M. Cordell has resigned from the Panel of Examiners.

#### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that they had met twice and considered two cases reported by the Commissioner of the Police. (These cases were subsequently considered *in camera*.)

#### Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee the provisional approval granted to the Ewell Colony Mental Hospital, which expires on April 25th, was extended for a further year from that date.

#### Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported (a) That the correspondence dealt with in the office between January 1st and 31st, 1931, amounted to Letters received 2,867; Letters despatched 11,548; (b) That the interviews numbered 138; (c) That 208 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

The Chairman of the Committee (Miss Sparshott) further reported correspondence with the London County Council regarding certain additional precautions against fire at 20, Portland Place. Specification of work necessary to meet the requirements of the London County Council had been drawn up by the Architect, and tenders had been obtained from three firms. The Committee recommended that the tender of Messrs. B. Colley and Sons, amounting to £184, which was £50 less than either of the others, be accepted, and this was approved.

#### State Registered Uniform.

Applications from four Registered Nurses for duplicate permits to obtain the State Registered Uniform, the loss of whose permits was reported six months ago, were granted.

#### The State Examinations.

The Chairman said that it had not been possible to get the examination lists out in time to present to the Council, but they would be ready in about a fortnight's time. She proposed that a Special Meeting of the Council should be held on March 11th at 2.15 p.m., for the sole purpose of passing these lists, for which seven was the necessary quorum. This was agreed.

#### Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for March 27th.

#### Nursing Profession (Wages and Hours) Bill.

The Chairman informed the Council that she had received a letter from the Ministry of Health enquiring whether the Council had considered the Nursing Profession (Wages and Hours) Bill, and that she had replied that the Council had not had an opportunity of considering it, but that the Bill concerned the economic conditions of the Nurse and did not come within the scope of the Council. This reply was approved.

The public business was then concluded and the Press withdrew.

#### Chairmen of Standing Committees.

The following members of the Council have been appointed Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year:—

*Finance*.—Dr. Fawcett.

*Registration*.—Miss Margaret Hogg, C.B.E.

*Education and Examination*.—Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C.

*Disciplinary and Penal Cases*.—Miss A. M. Bushby.

*Mental Nursing*.—Dr. J. J. Buchan, D.P.H.

*General Purposes*.—Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C.

*Uniform*.—Miss S. A. Villiers.

#### Resignation.

At the February Meeting of the Council the resignation of Dr. Buchan was received on the ground that he has been elected a member of the Central Midwives Board.

It will be remembered that in our November issue we had occasion to criticise the autocratic action of Dr. Buchan in relation to protests addressed to the Council by important Nurses' Organisations as to retaining the names of thieves on the Register. He said that in replying to the letters he hoped the Council "would make it quite clear that they were not going to enter into any discussion on a matter which was entirely their own province."

We claim that Registered Nurses, who entirely finance their Governing Body, the General Nursing Council, have the right to criticise its conduct of *their* affairs.

### 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, February 20th, and ten Members of the Council were present.

The name of Messrs. J. Leadbitter and Co., 66, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was added to the Council's List of Approved Makers of Uniform.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener, and was approved.

In terms of the recommendation of the Committee, the Council decided that Kirklandside Fever Hospital, Kilmarnock, should not be recognised as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses, but that the Hospital authorities should be informed that if a scheme for affiliated training, partly at that Hospital and partly at a larger Hospital, were submitted, the Council would consider this.

The names of a number of Nurses who had passed the Council's Examinations and had now attained the age of twenty-one, were placed on the Register and arrangements were approved for publication of the Register of Nurses at December 31st, 1930.

### LEGAL MATTERS.

Barbara Elliott, a nurse, of Broadhurst Gardens, West Hampstead, N.W., pleaded guilty recently at the Willesden Police Court to various thefts in houses where she was professionally engaged, including a dress case, which she was seen to hide in the bushes in the garden; when opened by the police it was found to contain dresses belonging to her employer. From another she stole two rings, value £40, which she subsequently pawned; and in some instances she stole from the dead. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital.

The Chairman of the Bench, Dr. J. S. Crone, said that offences such as this could not go unpunished and sentenced her to three months' imprisonment.

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