

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one-hundred and thirty-third Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on March 18th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presided.

The Chairman, in presenting the Register of Nurses for 1932 to the Council, stated that it contained 2,947 more names than the Register for last year.

This is the earliest date in the year at which the Register has yet been published, and the Council agreed to congratulate the Registrar and the clerical staff concerned on this result.

The number of names on the Register for 1932 are 63,568, namely:—General Register, 52,325; Supplementary Part for Male Nurses, 205; for Mental Nurses, 5,325; for Nurses for Mental Defectives, 265; for Sick Children's Nurses, 1,649; for Fever Nurses, 3,799. Total 63,568.

Correspondence.

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the Minister of Health reporting that he had approved the addition of a Principal Clerk to the Staff of the Examinations Department.

Finance.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee as to Bills and Claims, stamps and petty cash were approved and allowed.

Registration.

It was agreed, in consideration of a letter dated 16th January, 1932, from the Registrar, Nurses' Board of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria:

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for Registration by Reciprocity:—Intermediate Nurses, *i.e.*, those who were, on the passing of the Nurses Registration Act, 1923, in training for a period of three years in a General Hospital having not less than a daily average of 40 occupied beds, and approved as a General training school for Nurses, and who are registered on the General part of the Register of the Nurses Board of Victoria, on the understanding that nurses registered as 'Intermediate' nurses on the General part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be accepted for registration by the Nurses' Board of Victoria, and, further, that applications from 'Existing' nurses will be considered on their respective merits."

NOTE.—A General Hospital is defined as one which admits Men, Women and Children, and gives instruction in the four Main Services—Medical, Surgical, Gynaecological and Children's Diseases.

Such General training may be given in one General Hospital recognised as a Complete Training School or in recognised Affiliated or Associated Hospitals, which together give instruction in the above-named Services. The following Applications for Registration were approved:—General Part of the Register, by Reciprocity 7; Supplementary Part for Sick Children's Nurses, by Reciprocity 3; Supplementary Part for Fever Nurses, by Examination 4, by Reciprocity 1. Total 15.

Education and Examination.

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

"That the following hospital be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a training School, which in combination with another public hospital gives complete training under Section 1 (1) (b) of the Council's scheme of Training:—

"The Hospital, Lytham, in affiliation with Clayton Hospital and Wakefield General Dispensary, Wakefield."

"That the Watford Isolation Hospital, the provisional approval of which will expire on 25th April, 1932, be now approved as a complete training school for Fever Nurses."

"That the County Infirmary, Carmarthen, the provisional approval of which expired on 18th January, 1932, be now approved as a training school in affiliation with Swansea General and Eye Hospital."

"That the provisional Approval granted to the following hospital be extended for a further period of one year from the date mentioned:—

"Nelson Hospital, Merton, London, S.W., for one year from 28th March, 1932."

"That the provisional approval granted to the Mill Hill Isolation Hospital, Huddersfield, which expired on 27th February, 1932, be continued pending submission of a scheme of training of nurses."

The Results and Pass Lists of the February, 1932, Preliminary and Final Examinations were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Miss Lloyd Still, and it was recommended that the names of those candidates who had satisfied the Examiners be referred to the Registration Committee for Registration, and that certificates be granted to them.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases and Mental Nursing Committees.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases, and Mental Nursing Committees each reported that they had met once.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between February 1st and 29th amounted to letters received, 4,532; letters despatched, 6,271; that the interviews numbered 138; that 119 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

The Easter Holidays.

It was agreed that the offices of the Council be closed for Easter Holiday from midday on Thursday, March 24th, until Tuesday morning, March 29th.

The State Uniform.

On the recommendation of the Uniform Committee it was agreed to issue duplicate permits to obtain the State Uniform to nineteen nurses who had reported the loss of their permits six months ago.

Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for April 22nd.

DISCIPLINARY CASE.

The next business before the Council was to consider the case of Miss Helen Maud Eliza Hawkins, S.R.N. 23386, who was charged at the Marylebone Police Court on December 11th, 1931, with stealing goods to the value of 7s. 6d. She pleaded guilty, and the magistrate bound her over and placed her on probation for 12 months in her own recognisances in the sum of £5.

Miss Hawkins appeared before the Council, accompanied by the Probation Officer, and spoke in her own defence. The Council then deliberated *in camera*.

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL.

When summoned again to the Council Chamber the Chairman informed Miss Hawkins that the Council had carefully considered her case and the state of her health, and had decided to remove her name from the Register. If in time to come she could prove good behaviour, she might apply to be re-included.

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, 18TH MARCH, 1932:

"That the name of Miss Helen Maud Eliza Hawkins, S.R.N. 23386, be removed from the Register."

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