

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and thirty-fifth 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 May 27th, 1932. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presided. Before commencing the business on the Agenda, Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., Vice-President, rose and notified the Council that their Chairman, Miss Musson, had had the honorary degree of LL.D. of Leeds University conferred upon her. This news was received with great applause as this is the first time such a degree has been conferred upon a member of the Nursing Profession. Miss Musson replied in a few well-chosen words.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and £100 for postage stamps, £20 for insurance stamps, £25 for petty cash, and £6,500 for examiners' claims and expenses in connection with the May Examinations were allowed.

### Registration.

The Registration Committee recommended:

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for Registration by Reciprocity, Nurses trained in a General Hospital in Southern Rhodesia and registered by examination on the General Part of the Register of Nurses of the Medical Council for Southern Rhodesia, on the understanding that nurses registered by examination or 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 Medical Council for Southern Rhodesia and, further, that applications from 'Existing' Nurses will be considered on their respective merits."

Applications for approval for Registration on May 27th were: General Register, by Reciprocity, 6; Supplementary Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by Reciprocity, 1; Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 9; by Reciprocity, 2. Total 18.

It was agreed that 43 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names included in the Register, should be reincluded.

It was agreed that Mr. Arthur G. Graves, Solicitor to the Middlesex County Council, be appointed Returning Officer for the Election of the Council in November, 1932, and that the fee to be paid to the Returning Officer for conducting the forthcoming Election be one hundred and twenty guineas.

### Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed: "That the name of the Jenny Lind Hospital for Sick Children, Norwich, be removed from the list of Approved Training Schools for Sick Children's Nurses," as the authorities of this hospital have ceased to train nurses for the State Examination for Sick Children's Nurses, the hospital having been amalgamated with the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich."

"That the Swindon and North Wilts Victoria Hospital be now approved as a complete training school for nurses."

"That the Frenchay Park Sanatorium and Orthopaedic Hospital, Bristol, in combination with Southmead Hospital, Bristol, 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) (d) of the Council's Scheme of Training."

"That the Mogden Isolation Hospital, Isleworth, Middlesex, be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a complete training school for Fever Nurses."

"That the scheme of affiliation between the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, and the National Temperance Hospital, London, be approved."

"That provisional approval for a period of one year from this date be given to the scheme of affiliation between the Borough General Hospital, Ipswich, and the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, and that the provisional approval already granted to the schemes of affiliation between the Borough General Hospital, Ipswich, and the Withington Hospital, and the Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, be extended for one year from this date."

"That attention be called to the fact that any person who, with intent to deceive, makes a material alteration in a Certificate of Birth (such as altering the name or date of birth) or uses such a Certificate, commits a criminal offence and is liable on conviction to penal servitude or imprisonment."

The death was reported of Miss A. M. Barnes, S.R.N., Superintendent Nurse, Norwich Infirmary, a member of the Panel of Examiners.

### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that Miss Cox-Davies has been appointed a Member of the Committee in the place of Lady Galway, resigned.

### Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee it was agreed:

"That a letter be written to the Royal Medico-Psychological Association conveying the thanks of the Council for the services rendered by the Advisory Committee in helping the Council to inaugurate the State Examination for Mental Nurses.

"Also suggesting that since this Committee has not functioned since December, 1926, it be now dissolved, and informing the Association that the Council will in future appoint Examiners in Mental Nursing in the same manner as they appoint Examiners for admission to the other Parts of the Register, but that when advice is required the Council hope still to avail themselves of the expert knowledge and experience of the Association."

### Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, June 24th.

The meeting then terminated.

## ANOTHER HONOUR FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Miss E. M. Musson, R.R.C., who since holding the position of Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales has been honoured with a C.B.E., is to receive further recognition when, on July 4th, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon her by the University of Leeds, upon which event we heartily congratulate her.

Little did we anticipate when we drafted the first Nurses' Registration Bill to provide for the statutory education of Nurses, and its control by a "General Nursing Council," so strenuously opposed for so many years, that its work, and the honourable status of its Chairman, would be so soon recognised in the higher spheres of Law and Learning.

### VERSE.

We know the arduous strife, the eternal laws,  
To which the triumph of all good is given,  
High sacrifice, and labour without pause,  
Even to the death; else wherefore should the eye  
Of man converse with immortality.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH.

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