

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and thirty-eighth 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 September 30th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

### Correspondence.

#### Reciprocal Registration with Southern Rhodesia.

With reference to the subject of reciprocal registration of nurses with the Medical Council of Southern Rhodesia, the Ministry of Health forwarded the copy of a Dispatch from the Governor's Office, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, in which it was reported that the Executive Committee of the Medical Council of Southern Rhodesia approved, in terms of Section 12 (a) of the "Nurses, Midwives and Other Persons Registration Act, 1931," of the acceptance of reciprocity on the conditions laid down in the resolution of the General Nursing Council, namely:—

"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 of Southern Rhodesia and, further, that applications from 'Existing' nurses will be considered on their respective merits."

#### The General Nursing Council for Scotland Reduces Registration Fees.

The Chairman read a letter from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, in which it stated that the Board had reduced the Fees for Examination from £3 3s. to £2 12s. 6d., and that the Fees per Subject were now 10s. 6d.

#### The British College of Nurses Claims Right of Registered Nurses to Address Governing Body Direct.

The following correspondence from the British College of Nurses was read by the Chairman, also the replies from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council:—

From the British College of Nurses,

28th June, 1932.

To the Chairman and Members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

MADAM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to enclose to you a copy of a Resolution passed by my Council at its Meeting on Saturday, June 18th, after considering a Resolution which it was invited to support by the Cambridge and District Branch of the National Council of Women of Great Britain on new schemes for Nursing Education:

### RESOLUTION.

"That, in the opinion of the Council of the British College of Nurses the General Nursing Council for England and Wales be urged to convene a Conference with persons responsible for the training and education of nurses, to consider the definition of 'the prescribed training' as provided for in the Statutory Rules of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919."

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ALICE STEWART BRYSON,  
Secretary.

This letter was acknowledged by the Registrar on June 29th. From the General Nursing Council for England and Wales,  
19th July, 1932.

DEAR MADAM,—I have been instructed by the Education and Examination Committee to acknowledge the letter of June 28th from the British College of Nurses enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the College at a meeting on June 18th.

The Committee considered the resolution but before replying to it I was directed to ask if you would kindly specify what the definite subject matter would be for consideration if such a Conference were convened.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) MARION S. RIDDELL,  
Registrar.

From the British College of Nurses.

The following reply was forwarded to the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The British College of Nurses,  
29th July, 1932.

MADAM,—The communication of 19th July from the Education Committee of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was placed before the Council of the British College of Nurses at its meeting on Saturday, July 23rd, and I was directed to reply in the following sense:—

That in the opinion of my Council the communication addressed to the Chairman and Members of the General Nursing Council from this College should be placed before them and information sought direct from that body and not through the Education Committee.

I was also directed to inform you that Council of the British College of Nurses will be pleased to reply to the question in the letter received when officially requested to do so.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ALICE STEWART BRYSON,  
Secretary.

This letter was acknowledged by the Assistant Registrar on 2nd August, 1932.

The Chairman then asked the Council what steps they wished to take in the matter; it was difficult to call a Conference.

Discussion then took place concerning the possibility of placing letters addressed to the Chairman and Members of the General Nursing Council before the Council.

It was explained that the usual procedure in large bodies was that correspondence was passed to the various Sub-Committees for consideration, and then referred to the Council with any recommendations.

The Vice-Chairman, Miss Sparshott, reported that so many letters were addressed to the Council that it would be impossible to deal with them at the Council Meetings.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the British College of Nurses asking what the definite subject-matter would be for consideration, if such a Conference were convened.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and £300 for Postage Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £25 for Petty Cash allowed.

It was reported that in accordance with authority granted at the Council Meeting on July 22nd, 1932, £2,500 5 per cent. War Stock Assented had been purchased, costing £2,523 14s. 9d., including brokerage and contract stamp.

### Registration.

It was agreed that duplicate Silver Badges be issued to 18 nurses who had reported the loss of theirs a year ago, upon payment by them of the price of the Badges and the additional expense of engraving the word "duplicate."

Applications for approval for Registration on September 30th, 1932, were: General Register, by Examination, 1, by Reciprocity, 21; Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 22, by Reciprocity, 3. Total, 47.

It was agreed that 47 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names included in the Register, should be reincluded.

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