

The following arrangements for the forthcoming Election of Council were reported:—

- Nomination Papers (Form B) and Declaration Forms (Form C) must be applied for by Registered Nurses, and must be returned to the Returning Officer by noon on Nov. 3.
- Every Nomination Paper (Form B) must state the name, registered address and registered qualification or qualifications of the candidate nominated; it must be signed by not fewer than six persons having the requisite qualifications for nominating the candidate; and the address and registered qualification or qualifications of each one so signing must be appended to her signature.
- The Nomination Paper must be accompanied by a Declaration Form (Form C) signed by the person nominated, acknowledging that she consents to be nominated, and must be delivered by post or otherwise before the hour of noon on Nov. 3.
- The names of the candidates nominated will be prepared for the printer, and the Ballot Papers will be issued on or about Nov. 16.
- From the date of posting the Ballot Papers, twenty-one days are allowed for the return of these papers, which will be about Dec. 7.
- It is, therefore, anticipated that the result of the Election will be declared at the Council Meeting on Dec. 16.

Upon the recommendation of the Registration Committee it was agreed that this Committee be empowered to deal with all matters concerning the Election of Council, and that Notice of Election of the Council be published in the same Nursing and Daily papers in which it was published on the occasion of the Election of Council in 1927.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee it was agreed that the Dawlish Cottage Hospital in affiliation with the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, 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 I (1) (b) of the Council's Scheme of Training.

It was agreed that the Scunthorpe and District War Memorial Hospital be approved as a Training School for one year; that the Wharfedale Union Joint Hospital, Menston, Leeds, in affiliation with Leeds City Hospital, be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a training school for Fever Nurses under Section I (5) (b) of the Council's Scheme of Training; and that the Harrow and Wealdstone Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a complete training school for nurses.

The death was reported of Mrs. G. K. Rowan, S.R.N., R.F.N., a Member of the Panel of Examiners, and the resignation of Miss B. Dudley, S.R.N., and Mr. Dallas S. Falconer, F.R.C.S., from the Panel of Examiners.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's Solicitor has been instructed to take the necessary action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against a nurse who falsely represented herself to be a State Registered Nurse. The action of the Committee was approved.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee it was agreed that to prevent any misunderstanding, a letter be written to the Ministry of Health, enclosing copy of Recommendation 19, passed by Council on May 27th,

1932, and notifying him that the Joint Advisory Committee has been dissolved.

Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, October 28th.

DISCIPLINARY CASE.

The next business before the Council was to consider the case of Miss Margaret Mary Cummings, S.R.N., 44369, a District Nurse, who was charged at Clitheroe with stealing money to the value of £2 10s. from a house in her district. The magistrate dismissed the case upon the payment of costs by Miss Cummings, who pleaded guilty.

Miss Cummings appeared before the Council, accompanied by Miss Watt, a Queen's Superintendent, who spoke in her defence, and bore testimony to the previous excellent work and behaviour of Miss Cummings who, at the time of the theft, was suffering from insomnia and was generally run down in health.

The Council then deliberated *in camera*.

Decision of the Council.

Resolution passed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, on September 30th, 1932:—

"That the name of Miss Margaret Mary Cummings, S.R.N. 44369, be removed from the Register."

NOTICE OF ELECTION, 1932.

On page two of the Cover of this issue will be found the Notice of Election, 1932, setting out the Table of Qualifications of Candidates and Voters for nurses registered in each part of the Register signed by A. G. Graves, the Returning Officer.

To nominate suitable candidates and to vote in this quinquennial election are duties which Registered Nurses should take very seriously. Especially is it obligatory upon the part of every nurse to understand the serious questions at issue in the forthcoming Election before recording her vote.

A vital question at issue is that of the Preliminary State Examination, as there are two distinct schools of opinion amongst nurses on this matter—and the Council of the College of Nursing is apparently divided upon it.

We advise our readers to refresh their memories on the arguments by re-reading the correspondence between the College of Nursing and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, which appeared in the August issue of this Journal. In it the College, in conjunction with members of the teaching profession agreed that schools for girls should include in their curriculum certain subjects in the Preliminary State Examination . . . and that these schools should be allowed to conduct the examination set by the General Nursing Council. The result of this innovation would sweep away the One-Portal examination for registration conducted by the General Nursing Council, which is the responsible statutory authority—and in its reply to the College of Nursing, informed it that it had no authority to approve Schools for Girls as a part of the conditions for admission to the Register.

We, of course, stand firmly for the One Portal to the Register, and the necessary power to control it.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, 30th September, 1932.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the chair and 10 Members of the Council were present.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted and approved and in accordance with it various arrangements for the Examinations in October were sanctioned.

Fresh Forms of Certificate were approved for use in the case of Candidates resitting the Council's Examinations.

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