

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and thirty-first meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on January 29th, at 2.30 p.m. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presided.

Election of Chairman.

The Minutes having been taken as read and confirmed the first business before the meeting was the election of Chairman. Miss Musson therefore vacated the Chair, which was taken by Lady Galway. The Registrar reported that the only nomination was that of Miss Musson. Lady Galway then formally announced the nomination, which was confirmed by the applause of the Council, and Lady Galway told Miss Musson that they were happy to have her again as Chairman. Miss Musson then resumed the Chair, and thanked the Council for their confidence.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Miss Musson notified that there were two nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman, Miss Cox-Davies and Miss M. E. Sparshott. Miss Cox-Davies had, however, intimated that she did not wish to stand for election. The nomination of Miss Sparshott was therefore the only one and she was elected Vice-Chairman unopposed.

Miss Sparshott in expressing her thanks for her appointment said that she hoped to do steady work in the interests of the Council and of the Nursing Profession.

Miss Musson then on behalf of the Council expressed its thanks to Miss Cox-Davies for her services during her term of office, and Miss Cox-Davies in response said that her task had been an easy one as the Council had so capable a Chair, who almost invariably was present at its meetings so that she had had very little to do.

Correspondence.

The Chairman announced that a letter had been received from the Minister of Health acquainting the Council that he had appointed Dr. Michael Abdy Collins, O.B.E., Kent County Mental Hospital, Chartham Down, near Canterbury, to be a member of the Council for the period ending December 23rd, 1932, in place of the late Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Lord, and added that they had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Collins that afternoon.

Dr. Collins, expressing his thanks for the welcome accorded him, said that he hoped to be useful.

The Chairman then announced with regret a letter stating that Dr. Christine Murrell had broken her arm and was unable to be present.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 12 and 13 of the General Purposes Committee. These were (1) That Miss Ella F. Nock, S.R.N., principal clerk in the Registration Department, be appointed to the post of Registration Officer in place of Miss E. M. Thompson, resigned, at the commencing salary of £350 per annum.

(This leaves a vacancy for the position of principal clerk, which was, we are glad to say advertised, though we regret the advertisement could not be included in this Journal, as the time limit expired on January 30th.)

(2) That the action of the General Purposes Committee be approved in placing lockers with individual keys for use of the Staff outside the Registration Department at a cost of £8 10s.

The Finance Committee further reported that it raised no objection to Recommendation 10 of the Education and Examination Committee. This was that the fees should be:—

Final Examination.—A fee of £6 for a day of two sessions (morning and afternoon). A fee of £3 for one session only. (At present, £5 5s. and £2 12s. 6d. respectively.)

Preliminary Examination.—A fee of £4 for a day of two sessions (morning and afternoon). A fee of £2 for one session only. (At present, £3 10s. and £1 15s respectively.)

Dr. Fawcett who as Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the Report said that the Committee not only raised no objection to the recommendation but strongly approved of it. It would mean £1,000 more paid to examiners but the Council were in a position to stand it. It would simplify the work of the Examination Department, and the form of cheque would be appreciated by the Examiners.

Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee sanction was given for the issue of a duplicate Certificate of Registration to Miss Ethel May Hodgson, whose original certificate had been destroyed, and of a duplicate Certification of Registration to Miss Celia E. V. Clark, whose original certificate (which had been destroyed) having been damaged in the hurricane in British Honduras.

The issue of duplicate Silver Badges to two Registered Nurses was also sanctioned.

Applications of four nurses for admission to the General Part of the Register by Reciprocity, and eleven to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses were approved.

It was agreed to include in the Register the names of 31 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee and now wished their names re-included.

It was also directed that the names of 2,027 nurses who have not paid their Retention Fee for 1932 should be removed from the Register in accordance with the Rules, Part II., Paragraph 5, 13.

The Registration Committee reported (1) that the number of nurses registered during 1931 was as follows:—

| NUMBER OF NURSES REGISTERED DURING YEAR 1931. | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| | By Examination. | By Reciprocity. | |
| General Part of the Register ... | 4,057 | 59 | |
| Supplementary Part of the Register for— | | | |
| Male Nurses | 16 | — | |
| Mental Nurses | 108 | — | |
| Nurses for Mental Defectives ... | 1 | — | |
| Sick Children's Nurses | 206 | 1 | |
| Fever Nurses | 536 | 20 | |
| | 4,924 | 80 | |
| | Total | 5,004 | |

(2) And that the total registered since September, 1921, was 72,956.

TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSES REGISTERED FROM SEPTEMBER, 1921, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1931.

| | By Examination | |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| General Part of the Register | 62,810 | including 21,209 |
| Supplementary Part of the Register for— | | |
| Male Nurses | 277 | 43 |
| Mental Nurses | 7,439 | 449 |
| Nurses for Mental Defectives ... | 379 | 3 |
| Sick Children's Nurses | 2,079 | 1,030 |
| Fever Nurses | 4,972 | 2,706 |
| | 77,956 | 25,440 |

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