

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and fiftieth 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 October 27th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman announced, with deep regret, the death of Dr. Christine Murrell, a former member of the G.N.C. Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., represented the Council at the funeral.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and £100 for Postage Stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps, £20 for Petty Cash, and £8,000 for Examiners' Claims and expenses in connection with the October Examinations allowed.

It was agreed that the estimate of £13 18s. 6d. for printing 1,000 copies of the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of Mental Defective Nursing be accepted.

Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agreed to accept for Registration by reciprocity:—

(1) Nurses trained in a General Hospital in British Columbia and registered by the Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia;

(2) Nurses trained in England and Wales in a General Hospital approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and registered by the Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia, 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 Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia, and, further, that Applications from "existing" Nurses will be considered on their respective merits.

This is the first Province of Canada that has established reciprocity with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Applications for approval for Registration on October 27th were: General Part of the Register, by Reciprocity, 12; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by Reciprocity, 1; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 6, by Reciprocity, 8. Total, 27.

It was agreed that 51 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that the provisional approval granted to the Princess Beatrice Hospital, London, S.W., and the Northwood, Pinner and District Hospital, in affiliation with Hampstead and North West London General Hospital, be continued for a further year.

Penal Cases.

On the recommendation of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee it was agreed that the case of a Registered Nurse who is reported as having been registered under false pretences, be taken *in camera*.

It was agreed that the Opinion of Counsel be taken in the case of a Registered Nurse accused of a misdemeanour.

General Purposes Committee.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee it was agreed that applications for the post of Registrar, be considered *in camera*.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Friday, November 24th.

Disciplinary Case.

The next business before the Council was to consider the case of Miss Eva Maud Mabbott, S.R.N., 50705, a Sister Tutor, charged at Westminster Police Court on August 16th, bound over in a sum of £5, and placed on probation for twelve months, for stealing two bottles containing 9 grammes of morphine from the Brompton Hospital, London.

The Council's Solicitor was in attendance, and read certain correspondence, and two friends of Miss Mabbott attended in her defence.

The Council then debated *in camera*.

Decision of the Council.

"That the name of Miss Eva Maud Mabbott, S.R.N., 50705, be removed from the Register."

THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

The retirement of Miss M. S. Riddell, R.R.C., from the position of Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, who has held this position since 1920, has created a vacancy for this important post, and we congratulate the Council upon submitting to the Minister of Health the name of the Assistant Registrar, Miss Gwladys Evelyn Davies, S.R.N., an appointment which he has approved.

Miss Davies was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, 1907-1910. She was Night Sister, Royal Hospital, Richmond. Her meritorious War service was performed in England, France and Serbia, 1914-1918. Later she was Sister-in-Charge, Outpatient Department, South London Hospital for Women. Miss Davies was appointed Registration Officer to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in 1920, a position which she held until 1923, when she was promoted to be Assistant Registrar in June, 1924, a position she still holds.

In addition to her honourable nursing qualifications, Miss Davies completed a valuable course of clerical training in Mrs. Hoster's first-class school, so that she is specially qualified for the very responsible position of Registrar to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and her appointment will, we feel sure, be received with great pleasure by Registered Nurses, who appreciate her as a capable and courteous official.

THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

Whatever may be the result of the Round Table Conference, convened by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, on the subject of preliminary instruction and examination of school girls as entrants to the Nursing Profession, we claim that the report of the Conference should be presented by the Education Committee to the Council in the presence of the press, so that the Registered Nurses may know who has supported, and who has opposed, the proposal to entrust the selection and instruction of candidates for the Nursing Profession to lay teachers in secondary and general schools, instead of to the Matrons and Sister Tutors attached to the Nurse Training Schools.

The decision involves a basic principle in professional education.

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