

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and forty-first 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 December 16th, 1932. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman reported that Miss B. M. Cottam, who had falsely represented herself to be a State Registered Nurse, was summoned to appear at the Wimbledon Police Court on December 7th, and the case was discharged. This woman was a habitual criminal, and it was believed that she had previously served a term of five years' imprisonment.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for Postage Stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps and £10 for Petty Cash allowed.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that it had considered letters dated 3rd May and 25th October, 1932, from the Registrar of the Nurses and Masseurs' Registration Board of Queensland, and recommended:

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for Registration by Reciprocity on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses:—

Nurses registered by the Nurses and Masseurs' Registration Board of Queensland after having completed a period of not less than three years' training in a recognised Public Mental Training School and having passed the Examination of the Registration Board

on the understanding that nurses registered on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be accepted on the same terms by the Nurses and Masseurs' Registration Board of Queensland."

It was reported that the numbers of successful candidates at the October Examinations who had been approved for registration by the Registration Committee on November 25th were as follows:—

General Register, 1,651; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses, 4; Mental Nurses, 33; Nurses for Mental Defectives, 2; Sick Children's Nurses, 85; Fever Nurses, 169.

Applications for approval for Registration on December 16th, 1932, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 7; Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 9, by reciprocity, 1. Total 17.

It was agreed that 33 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 Victoria Hospital, Worksop, be now approved as a complete training School for Nurses; that the provisional approval granted to the Princess Louise Kensington Hospital for Children, London, as a complete training school for Sick Children's Nurses, be extended for a further period of six months, to June 30th, 1933; that the Grimsby and District Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of one year from December 16th, 1932, as a complete training school for nurses. The Victoria Hospital, Southend, is now closed, and it was agreed that the new hospital, the Southend-on-Sea District and General Hospital, be approved as a

complete training school for nurses, and that the name of the Victoria Hospital, Southend, be removed from the list of approved complete training schools.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that owing to the decrease in the number of patients, the name of St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, be removed from the list of approved associated training schools. Arrangements have been made for the nurses in training to be received at Dudley Road Hospital to complete their training.

The death was reported of Dr. T. F. Campbell, Primrose Bank Hospital, Burnley, a member of the Panel of Examiners.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, as a result of the Conference with members of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council, Northern Ireland, held in Edinburgh on Monday, November 28th, 1932, it was agreed:—

"That consideration of the Resolution of Council of July 22nd, 1932, viz.:—

'That after June 1st, 1936, no candidate be admitted to the Preliminary Examination of the Council who does not possess the General School Certificate or its equivalent, unless such candidate has passed a test examination in general education which will be set up by the General Nursing Council as an "Entrance Examination," such test examination to be passed before entering Hospital.'

'That the test examination take the form of a written examination with questions on general knowledge, and should include a simple arithmetic test, and an essay with choice of subjects.'

'That if the recommendations are approved, a Board in due course be appointed to conduct the examination,' and of the resolution passed by the General Nursing Council for Scotland on June 24th, 1932, viz.:—

'That the Preliminary Examination should be divided into two Parts: (a) Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene; (b) Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part I; and that (a) may be taken before—but not more than two years before—the Nurse enters the wards,'
'be postponed for a further six months.'

Interview with Minister of Health.

It was reported that an interview with the Minister of Health took place on November 10th, but no information was available for the press. Let us hope that when the reason for the interview is divulged, that we shall hear of something to our advantage.

Penal Cases.

The Chairman of the Penal Cases Committee reported that on receipt of information that Aileen Anstruther Sinclair, who had already been prosecuted under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, had again falsely represented herself to be a State Registered Nurse, the Council's Solicitor had been instructed to take proceedings against her. She pleaded guilty at Richmond Police Court on November 21st, 1932, and was fined £10 and in default sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

The action of the Committee was approved.

General Purposes.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee it was agreed that an offer be made of £15,000 for the premises, No. 22, Portland Place, W.1, adjoining the Council's offices, for additional accommodation required by the Council.

The Council were making use of the five rooms on the ground floor, and most of the basement. The upper part of the house would be let as a maisonette, which would bring in an income to the Council.

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