

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and forty-second 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 January 27th, 1933. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., 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 E. M. Musson therefore vacated the chair, which was taken by the Countess of Limerick. As the only nomination was that of Miss E. M. Musson, the Countess of Limerick announced that she was unanimously elected Chairman for a further term of office. Miss Musson then resumed the chair, with thanks to the Council for re-appointing her.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman notified the Council that there were two nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman, Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., so that a ballot would have to be taken.

The Chairman received eighteen ballot papers, and there were eleven votes recorded in favour of Miss Cox-Davies and Miss Sparshott received seven votes. Miss R. A. Cox-Davies was therefore elected Vice-Chairman.

Correspondence.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the Ministry of Health, in which it notified the Council that three nominations had been made out of the five seats allocated to its representatives, namely: Mr. W. F. Harper, Dr. Marguerite Henrietta Kettle, and Dr. M. A. Collins. The other two names would be forwarded as soon as the appointments were made.

Reports of Committees.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and £250 for Postage Stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash allowed.

It was agreed that £5,000 New South Wales Stock be sold, in part payment of the purchase price of the house, No. 22, Portland Place, acquired by the Council.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on January 27th, 1933, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 8; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; Fever Nurses, by Examination 8, by reciprocity 1. Total, 18.

It was agreed that 24 Nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was agreed that the names of 1,792 Nurses, who had not paid their Retention Fee for 1933, be removed from the Register, in accordance with the Rules, Part II, Paragraph 5 (3).

The Registration Committee reported (1) that the number of Nurses registered during 1932 was as follows:—

Number of Nurses Registered during Year 1932.

| | By Examination. | By Reciprocity |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| General Part of the Register ... | 4,209 | 108 |
| Supplementary Part of the Register for— | | |

| | By Examination. | By Reciprocity |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Male Nurses | 11 | — |
| Mental Nurses | 112 | 3 |
| Nurses for Mental Defectives... | 2 | — |
| Sick Children's Nurses | 212 | 6 |
| Fever Nurses | 567 | 14 |
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| | 5,113 | 131 |
| | Total 5,244 | |

(2) The total registered since September, 1921, was 83,200.

Total Number of Nurses Registered from September, 1921, to December 31st, 1932.

General Part of the Register ... 67,127 including 25,418 by Examination
Supplementary Part of the Register for—

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|----|
| Male Nurses ... | 288 | 54 | .. |
| Mental Nurses | 7,554 | 563 | .. |
| Nurses for Mental Defectives ... | 381 | 5 | .. |
| Sick Children's Nurses ... | 2,297 | 1,242 | .. |
| Fever Nurses... | 5,553 | 3,273 | .. |
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| | 83,200 | 30,555 | .. |

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee it was agreed that the provisional approval of the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, Dorset, as a training school in affiliation with the General Infirmary, Salisbury, be continued for a further period of one year from January 27th, 1933, and that provisional approval as a complete training school be granted to the West Norfolk and King's Lynn General Hospital, for a period of one year from January 27th, 1933.

Statistics for 1932.

The General Purposes Committee reported the following figures relating to the work in the office in 1932:—

Correspondence—letters received, 111,455; letters despatched, 216,382; interviews, 2,189; Uniform Permits issued, 2,140 (including 78 duplicate Permits); Silver Badges issued, 2,762 (including 61 duplicate Badges); duplicate Certificates of Registration issued, 6.

Entries for State Examinations (February, May and October, 1932)—Preliminary Examination, 8,854; Final Examination, 7,143.

Meetings of Council and Committees, 99.

Election of Committees.

The Council proceeded to elect the Standing Committees wholly or in part.

The Education Committee.

There were eighteen nominees for the twelve seats, and the election resulted as follows:—

Elected.—Miss MacManus, Miss Darbyshire, Miss Lloyd-Still, Miss Day, Miss Gwatkin, Dr. Collins, Miss Villiers, Miss Jones, Miss Cockeram, Miss Innes, Miss Gullan, and Miss Bowling.

Not Elected.—Miss Sparshott, Dr. Marguerite H. Kettle, Viscountess Erleigh, the Countess of Limerick, Mrs. Courtauld, and Mr. Southwell.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, February 24th, 1933.

The meeting then terminated.

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