

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and fifty-fifth 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 March 16th, 1934. The Chairman, Miss F. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Minutes.

At the request of Dr. Eason the press were then asked to withdraw, as there was a point in the Minutes that he wished to discuss.

Correspondence.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, acknowledging the Council's communication *re* the New Rule 22 (D), which would be placed before the next meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

The Chairman also reported the receipt of a letter from the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, in which they notified their intention to oppose any measure to hand over the teaching of Anatomy and Physiology to Secondary Schools.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for Postage Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps and £15 for Petty Cash allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on March 16th, 1934, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 5; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 8, by reciprocity, 1. Total 15.

It was agreed that 93 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 scheme of affiliation between the Cancer Hospital and the National Temperance Hospital, in addition to schemes of affiliation already in force, be approved;

The scheme of affiliation between the North Wales Sanatorium, Denbigh, and the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary and Dispensary, Wigan, in place of the Royal Infirmary, Chester, be approved;

The scheme of affiliation between the Aberystwyth Infirmary and Cardiganshire General Hospital and the Llandough Hospital in place of the City Lodge Hospital, Cardiff, be approved;

The Hospital, Lytham, be now approved as a training school for nurses, in affiliation with the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield;

The provisional approval of Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, St. Mary's Hospital, Eastbourne, and Hastings Municipal Hospital, be extended for a further period of one year;

The scheme of affiliation between the East Preston Institution Hospital and the Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, in place of the Lambeth Hospital, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The scheme of affiliation between St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, and the Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, in place of the Hackney Hospital, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The name of the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford,

be deleted from the list of approved affiliated training schools, as they are no longer training nurses for the Preliminary Examination in affiliation with the Royal Infirmary, Bradford;

The name of the Melksham Cottage Hospital be deleted from the list of approved affiliated training schools, as they are unable to carry out suggestions of the Committee;

The name of the Exeter Isolation Hospital be deleted from the list of provisionally approved training schools for Fever Nurses as the six months' extension of provisional approval expired on January 28th, 1934.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Friday, April 27th, 1934.

The Council then went *in camera* for the consideration of a Penal Case.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

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The results of the State Examinations are as under:—
Preliminary State Examination, February, 1934.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
Complete Examination..	2,358	156	2,202	1,011	591	26.8%
Re-entries for Part Examination ..	382	25	357	157	200	56%

Final State Examination, February, 1934.

	General Register.	Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Supplementary Parts of the Register.			Fever Nurses.
				Mental Sick Defec- Child- ren's Nurses.	Defec- Child- ren's Nurses.	Fever Nurses.	
Entered—							
Whole Examination	1,492 } 1,933	9 } 9	30 } 43	1 } 2	70 } 82	248 } 311	
Part Examination	441		13	1	12	63	
Absent—							
Whole Examination	60 } 74	— } —	7 } 12	— } —	3 } 3	14 } 20	
Part Examination	14		5			6	
Present—							
Whole Examination	1,432 } 1,850	9 } 9	23 } 31	1 } 2	70 } 70	234 } 291	
Part Examination	427		8	1	9	57	
Passed—							
Whole Examination	1,017 } 1,290	9 } 9	16 } 21	1 } 2	56 } 62	168 } 203	
Part Examination	273		5	1	6	35	
Failed—							
Whole Examination	415 } 569	— } —	7 } 10	— } —	14 } 17	66 } 88	
Part Examination	154		3		3	22	
Percentage of Failures—							
Whole Examination	28.9%	—	30.4%	—	20%	28.2%	
Part Examination	36%	—	37.5%	—	33.3%	35.6%	

RECIPROCITY ON UNEQUAL STANDARDS.

Copy of reply by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to the General Nursing Council for Scotland in regard to Draft Rule 22 (D) of the Scottish Council.

23rd February, 1934.

DEAR SIR,

Your letter of 24th January, 1934, and the copy of the proposed new Rule 22 (D) have been considered by my Council and the suggested changes have been noted.

It is noted that under the last paragraph of this Rule Examiners would be precluded from questioning candidates at the Final Examination on the Sections of the Syllabus intended for the Preliminary Examination. My Council have always allowed the Examiners to question nurses at the Final Examination on all Sections of the Syllabus in order to ensure that their knowledge has been kept up to date.

I am instructed to state that, after careful consideration of the proposed Rule, it is the view of my Council that the terms of the Agreement for Reciprocal Registration in force between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the General Nursing Council for Scotland will not be affected.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. DAVIES,

Registrar.

The Registrar,
General Nursing Council for Scotland.

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