

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, occupied the Chair at its Meeting, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on March 23rd, 1934, and 14 Members of the Council were present.

Amongst correspondence dealt with was a letter from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales stating that their Education and Examination Committee had considered very carefully the terms of their Rule in regard to the registration on a second part of the Register of a Nurse already registered on another part and had decided to adhere to their former ruling, that is, that the period of reduced second training allowed under their Rules must commence after the date of registration on another part of their Register. Some discussion took place as to cases reported to the Council where Scottish Nurses going to England to take a second training had not been aware that they must transfer their first registration to the English Register before commencing their second training.

There was also submitted a letter from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in regard to the Scottish Council's proposal to split the Preliminary Examination into two parts. In terms of the procedure laid down under the Nurses' Registration Act, it was resolved that notice of the proposal to make the Rule should now be advertised in the Press.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of the Committee and was approved. In terms of the recommendations of the Committee, Examiners were appointed from the Panel to conduct the May Examinations and other arrangements in regard to this Examination were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES AND THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The British College of Nurses.
February 26th, 1934.

DEAR SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to inform me how the scheme for the General Nursing Council for Scotland, that girls outside the Nurse Training Schools may be taught Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, and examined in these subjects outside the Nurse Training Schools, is to be financed. Is it proposed that the cost of these educational courses shall be paid for by parents, by the State, by the Rates, or by the General Nursing Council for Scotland? This important aspect of the proposal is not alluded to in the new Regulations sent by you for consideration to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and also for publication in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

An early reply to this question will oblige, as our President is addressing a Meeting on the economic aspect of pre-hospital teaching for probationers at an early date.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) ALICE STEWART BRYSON,
Secretary.

To
The Registrar,
General Nursing Council for Scotland,
18, Melville Street,
Edinburgh.

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18, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

March 24th, 1934.

The Secretary
The British College of Nurses,
39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

DEAR MADAM,—I have now had an opportunity of submitting to my Council your letter of 26th ult. and I am instructed to inform you that the Council does not anticipate undertaking

responsibility for the organisation of courses in Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene, and will limit its own activity to control of the educational efficiency of such courses.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) W. S. FARMER,
Registrar.

The British College of Nurses.
March 27th, 1934.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge your letter dated March 24th which does not reply to the question addressed to the General Nursing Council for Scotland. What my Council wants to know is who is going to pay for those courses of education for school girls, preparatory to taking part of the Preliminary Examination for Nurses qualifying for the State Register? You state that your Council will "limit its own activity to control of the educational efficiency of such courses." Of what does this consist, and who is going to pay for it?

As you are aware, a large number of nurses in Great Britain are strongly opposed to the innovation of splitting the Preliminary Examination, and take the strongest exception to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales financing schemes for unprofessional teachers and for examinations on their curriculum. I shall be greatly obliged if we could have a clear statement on this question of finance in connection with this innovation by the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) ALICE STEWART BRYSON,
Secretary.

To
The Registrar,
General Nursing Council for Scotland.

HOSPITAL CLERK SENTENCED.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF £13,000 AT GUY'S.

Sentence of three years' penal servitude was passed at the Old Bailey on March 22nd on William James Curry, aged 58, formerly Clerk to the Governors of Guy's Hospital, who pleaded guilty to misappropriating money belonging to the *Guy's Hospital Gazette*.

Mr. G. D. Roberts, prosecuting, said that Curry had been employed by the Governors for 38 years, and for the past seven or eight years his salary had been £1,500 a year.

He had pleaded guilty to misappropriating about £3,000, but in a statement he admitted that altogether he had misappropriated, from various organisations of Guy's Hospital a sum of £13,000. None of the loss fell upon the contributions by the public to Guy's Hospital.

The money, Mr. Roberts added, belonged to various organisations and to certain people who trusted Curry and handed him money for deposit or investment. These persons included both doctors and nurses at the hospital.

To cover the misappropriation Curry altered the certificate obtained from the bank manager.

No one who realises the cruelty of the conduct of this criminal will consider his sentence excessive. In receipt of an excessively high salary for an official of a voluntary hospital in great need of funds, he carefully refrained from stealing money officially audited, but did not hesitate to deprive many members of the Nursing staff of their lives' savings, earned by strenuous and devoted service to the sick. He also appropriated the funds of the Nurses' League and the students' *Guy's Hospital Gazette*. Let us hope some scheme of redress will be forthcoming.

Why, in reporting this case, have the majority of the Press omitted to inform the public that the nurses have suffered most severely by these frauds? Alluded to as "women" and "persons" which, of course, they are, we think the public had a right to know that as members of the Guy's Nursing Staff, they were specially deserving of sympathy.

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