

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and fifty-sixth 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 April 27th, 1934. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman announced that she had much pleasure in presenting the Register of Nurses for 1934 to the Council.

Correspondence.

THE CONTRACEPTIVES BILL.

The Chairman reported the receipt of the following Resolution from the British College of Nurses:

Resolution adopted by the Council of the British College of Nurses, March 18th, 1934.

The Council of the British College of Nurses begs to thank Lord Dawson of Penn for the introduction of a Bill, into the House of Lords, "To regulate the sale and advertisement of contraceptives."

The Council, whilst approving the objects of the Bill, begs to express the opinion that under Clause 1, Sub-Section (i) the words "registered nurse or certified midwife" should be omitted, as their inclusion provides for the treatment of patients by registered nurses and midwives without medical direction.

The following letter from the General Nursing Council for Scotland was reported:—

18, Melville Street, Edinburgh.
April 2nd, 1934.

The Registrar,
General Nursing Council for England and Wales.
Dear Madam,

Your letters of 23rd and 24th ult. have now been submitted to a meeting of my Council, and I was instructed to inform you that my Council are pleased to note that in the view of your Council the terms of the agreement for reciprocal registration at present in force will not be affected by the proposed Rule to be passed by my Council in regard to splitting of the Preliminary Examination.

My Council were obliged for the suggestions which you made in regard to the wording of the draft Rule which I sent. The practice here, however, has always been that questions asked at the Final Examination should not include the portion of the Syllabus laid down for the Preliminary Examination. The matter was reconsidered in view of the terms of your letter, but it was decided to adhere at present to the existing arrangements.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
W. S. FARMER, Registrar.

The Chairman also reported a letter, just received, from the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, suggesting that the General Nursing Council might in some way control the numbers of probationers trained, especially from the smaller hospitals, as the numbers of nurses leaving the training schools were in excess of the posts vacant.

A reply was drafted in which the Queen's Institute of District Nursing were notified that the number of probationers could not be limited, and that the numbers turned out from the smaller hospitals would hardly affect the question of unemployment.

Disciplinary Case.

The case of Miss Mary Marinan, R.M.N. 7348 was discussed.

Mr. C. S. Henderson, appointed as Counsel for the General Nursing Council, then outlined the case.

Miss Mary Marinan, Matron of the Laverstock House Nursing Home, Salisbury, committed misconduct with the Secretary, and subsequently a male child was born.

Mr. Slade appeared in defence of Miss Marinan; he stated that it was not proved that Miss Marinan com-

mitted misconduct while on duty as Matron of Laverstock House.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider the matter.

Decision of the Council.

"That the Council do now judge Miss Mary Marinan, R.M.N. 7348, to have been guilty of misconduct, and do direct the Registrar to remove from the Register of Nurses the name of Miss Mary Marinan."

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £25 for Postage Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £5 for Petty Cash allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on April 27th, 1934, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 7; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 11, by reciprocity, 1. Total 19.

It was agreed that 55 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:—

St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, be now approved as a complete training school for nurses;

The provisional approval of the Malmesbury and District Hospital as a training school in affiliation with the Royal United Hospital, Bath, be continued for a further period of one year;

The Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, be provisionally approved as a complete training school;

The schemes of affiliation between the County Hospital, Clayton, and the Royal Infirmary, Halifax, and between Wrightington Hospital, Wigan, and Warrington Infirmary, be provisionally approved;

The scheme of affiliation between the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, and the Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford, be approved;

The name of the Royal Free Hospital be deleted from the list of hospitals with which the City of London Hospital is affiliated.

The death of Miss E. Vaughan Winters, a member of the Panel of Examiners, was reported.

It was reported that eight members of the Panel of Examiners will have completed three years' service in May, and that eight new members have been appointed.

It was agreed that certain fees be adjusted as follows:—

- (a) *To Presiding Examiners:—*
 - £1 1s. per session for Centres from 1-250 candidates.
 - £1 11s. 6d. per session for Centres over 250 candidates.
- (b) *Written Examination for preparation of room:—*
 - £1 1s. to each Presiding Examiner at centres where there are more than 200 candidates.
 - 10s. 6d. to each person who assists in the preparation—the number of the assistants not to exceed two.
- (c) *Oral and Practical Examination for preparation and clearing of rooms*
 - £1 1s. each to 1st and 2nd Assistants in addition to the present fee of £1 1s. per day during the examination.
- (d) *Subsistence Allowance to Presiding Examiners and Invigilators at the usual rate."*

It was agreed that the Board of Examiners for the Final Examination for General Nurses also act as the Board for setting papers for the Final Examination for Male Nurses, at the usual fee.

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