

**Disciplinary and Penal Cases.**

The Council approved the action of the Committee, who had instructed the Council's Solicitor to take necessary action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against a nurse who had falsely represented herself to be a State Registered Nurse.

On the motion of Dr. Eason, a Recommendation was considered *in camera*, in regard to a Bill to regulate the Sale and Advertisement of Contraceptives.

**RESOLUTION AS PASSED BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.**

"That inasmuch as it is not part of a nurse's duty to act as agent for the sale of drugs or appliances and that such sale or offer for sale by a nurse is in the opinion of the General Nursing Council contrary to the public interest and discreditable to the nursing profession, and that any nurse who resorts to such practice renders herself liable on proof to have her name removed from the Nurses' Register, the Council desires the amendment of Clause 1 (1) (i) of the Contraceptives Bill by the omission of the words 'registered nurse' in the second and third lines, and 'nurse' in the fifth line thereof."

**Mental Nursing.**

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee, it was agreed that the Hortham Colony, Almondsbury, Bristol, be provisionally approved as a complete training school for male and female nurses for mental defectives for a period of one year; it was also agreed that the provisional approval of Ewell Mental Hospital be extended for a further period of one year.

**Motion.**

On the motion of Dr. Eason, the Council agreed:—

- (1) That in future the Minutes of the Council be marked "confidential," and
- (2) That in future, when a disciplinary case is brought before the Council, the charge shall be set out in the Minutes.

**Next Meeting of the Council.**

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Friday, May 25th.

The Council then went *in camera*.

**NUMBERS OF NURSES ON 1934 REGISTER.**

General Part of the Register	....	....	58,379
Supplementary Part for—			
Male Nurses	....	....	227
Mental Nurses	....	....	5,087
Nurses for Mental Defectives	....	....	245
Sick Children's Nurses	....	....	1,939
Fever Nurses	....	....	4,592
			12,090
Total	....	....	70,469

**GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.**

In the absence of Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., the Chairman of the Council, Col. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Vice-Chairman, was unanimously called to the Chair at the Meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on 27th April, 1934.

The Council approved of the name of Mr. Albert E. Hayne, Winchester, being added to the Council's list of Approved Makers of Uniform.

In reply to a letter from the British College of Nurses enquiring how the cost of the educational courses to be accepted under the Council's Rule in regard to the splitting

of the Preliminary Examination were to be paid for, it was resolved that the Registrar reply that the Council had no intention of financing the setting up of these courses and presumed that the cost of these would be borne in the same way as other educational courses, either by the pupils or by the educational authorities concerned, but that the Council before approving of any such course would require to be satisfied as to its educational efficiency from the nursing point of view.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was approved, and in accordance with this detailed arrangements for the Examinations in May were adopted.

**REGISTERED NURSES MUST NOT PAY.**

We regret that Mr. Farmer, the Registrar for the General Nursing Council for Scotland—whilst informing us that it is presumed that the Courses of Instruction in Anatomy etc., in educational institutions will presumably be borne by the pupils or educational authorities in schools—does not satisfy our enquiries concerning who will pay for the guarantee of the educational efficiency of pupils from a nursing point of view, that is, who will pay for testing their knowledge by examination, etc. We want to make it quite clear that such expense should not be guaranteed by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, as that would result in the Registered Nurses who entirely finance the Council's work, being compelled to pay for the tests of unprofessional teaching, for which they are in no way responsible. We hope the Nurse Members of the G.N.C. for Scotland will take a firm stand on this principle, as the lay members have no financial responsibility.

**LEGACIES FOR NURSES.**

Miss Martha Izod, of Edgbaston, left £400 and certain household effects to Miss Mary Hipkins, formerly Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Evesham, and the residue of her property after the death of two beneficiaries upon trust for the hospital, desiring the trustees to pay to Mary Hipkins, a former Matron, a pension of not less than £100 per annum for life.

Mr. Thomas King Yalland, of the Manor House, Fishponds, Bristol, left £200 to his faithful secretary-companion, Nurse Harding.

Mr. William Henry Allen, of Purley, left £250 to Nurse Irene Mary Price.

Miss Ella M. D. Wise, Cheriton House, Horsington-Templecombe, left £45,052 (n.p. £44,924). Subject to specific legacies of personal effects, she gave all her estate (other than property comprised in the marriage settlement of her parents) to "my dear nurse, Millicent Ann Moule," to whom she bequeathed a further £3,000 from the said settled funds.

Lady Mary Morrison, Halkin Street, S.W., left £500 to Nurse Mortlock "in grateful memory of her many services to me."

Mr. Thomas Rawlings, of Barming, Kent, left £250 to Nurse Mary Taylor and £50 to Nurse Elizabeth Ellen Gisby.

**THE CONTRACEPTIVES BILL.**

The Bill intitled "An Act to regulate the sale and advertisement of contraceptives," was brought from the Lords, March 20th, 1934, and ordered by the House of Commons to be printed, May 1st, 1934.

This Bill was presented in the House by Lord Dawson of Penn, and provides for much needed legislation, but the clause empowering registered nurses and midwives to sell contraceptives to patients is placing them in a very dangerous position which they will be wise to prevent.

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