

physiology and hygiene before entering hospital, which examination should either be the appropriate subjects of the Preliminary State Examination or should entitle the successful candidates to exemption from these subjects in the Preliminary State Examination at the end of their first year of hospital training.

The County Council would be glad to have the advice of the General Nursing Council upon the scheme and curriculum suggested. . . .

Representatives of my Committee, the Public Health Committee, and of the Board of Education would be pleased to meet representatives of the General Nursing Council to discuss the proposal should your Council consider such a meeting desirable. As the reconstruction will commence in July next, I shall be glad if your Council can give early consideration to my proposals.

Yours faithfully,

H. M. WALTON,  
Secretary.

Miss G. E. Davies,  
Registrar, General Nursing Council.

#### *The Reply of the General Nursing Council.*

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of 24th April giving details of the scheme of education which the Middlesex Education Committee propose to arrange for girls desirous of entering the nursing profession has been considered by the Council.

In regard to the suggestion that there appears to be a shortage of suitable candidates for training, this does not seem to be the case. At the present time most Training Schools appear to have no difficulty in obtaining candidates.

The Council consider that the course suggested would be very helpful to a girl before commencing training as a nurse, but I am instructed to inform you that the Council decided in July, 1932, not to examine a nurse on any subjects pertaining to her profession, including Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, until she had done at least one year's training in hospital. This question was again before the Council in November, 1933, when the following resolution, which had been passed on July 22nd, 1932, was re-affirmed:—

“That the Council is of opinion that it would not be in the interests of the candidates nor of the Profession that the Preliminary Examination should be divided.”

In regard to the subjects which it is proposed to include in the course, these appear to be comprehensive and suitable for intending candidates for the nursing profession. Chemistry and Physics especially would be most useful. Elementary lessons in Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene might also be helpful but could not be accepted in place of the special instruction in these subjects given after the probationers begin their professional training.

It is suggested that it would be advantageous if more time could be given to subjects such as English literature, languages and handicrafts, which a nurse has no time to study after entering hospital.

It is noted that the proposal is to make a two years' course, to be taken by girls reaching the age of 17, who would enter hospital at the age of 19. It is suggested that it might in some cases be an advantage if girls could remain at school receiving more tuition in general subjects until they are 18 years of age and then take a year's course in the subjects mentioned in your letter.

I am instructed to say that the Council would be pleased to meet representatives of the Middlesex Education Committee if they so desire.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. DAVIES,  
Registrar.

#### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for Postage Stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash allowed.

#### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on May 25th, 1934, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 3; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 10; by reciprocity, 3. Total, 17.

It was agreed that 30 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 in accordance with a letter from the Matron-in-Chief, London County Council, the following schemes of affiliation be cancelled:—

National Hospital, Queen Square, London, in affiliation with Hackney Hospital, London.

Princess Mary's Hospital for Children, Margate, in affiliation with University College Hospital, Hampstead General Hospital, London, and Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford.

L.C.C. Tuberculosis Institutions at Godalming, Hendon, Brentwood, Wokingham and Lee, in affiliation with University College Hospital, Royal Northern Hospital and Hampstead General Hospital, London, East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and Swansea General Hospital.

Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, in affiliation with London County Council Fever Hospitals, London.

It was agreed that a Questionnaire be issued periodically to all approved Training Schools with a request that the particulars asked for be supplied, with a view to the need of keeping up to date the information in regard to Training Schools approved by the Council.

#### Disciplinary Case.

Mr. Pitt, the Solicitor for the Council, reported particulars concerning the misconduct of Miss Elsie Featherstone, S.R.N., 41318, late Sister at Billinge Infirmary, near Wigan, with a male Assistant Nurse at the same Institution, a married man. The man's wife had since been awarded a decree nisi in the Divorce Court, and Miss Featherstone was cited as the co-respondent.

Miss Featherstone reported that she had left the district and was now in training for her Mental Certificate.

The Council then considered this case *in camera*, also the case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Police Authorities.

#### Decision of the Council.

“That the Council do now judge Miss Elsie Featherstone, S.R.N. 41318, to have been guilty of misconduct, and do direct the Registrar to remove from the Register of Nurses the name of Miss Elsie Featherstone, S.R.N. 41318.”

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, 22nd June.

#### RESOLUTION *re* CONTRACEPTIVES BILL.

We have received the following letter from the Registrar, G.N.C. :—

DEAR MADAM,—I am directed to inform you that the Resolution passed by Council on 27th April, 1934, in reference to Clause 1 (1) (i) of the Bill to regulate the sale and advertisement of Contraceptives has been forwarded

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