

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, December 14th.

The Council considered *in camera*, the case of a Registered Nurse.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

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

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
Complete Examination..	3,147	135	3,012	2,274	738	24.5%
Re-entries for Part Examination	323	21	302	172	130	43%

Final State Examination, October, 1934.

	Entered—	General Register.	Male Nurses.	Supplementary Parts of the Register.					Fever Nurses.		
				Mental Nurses.	Mental Defec- tives' Nurses.	Child- ren's Nurses.	Mental Sick Nurses.	Child- ren's Nurses.			
Whole Examination	1,987	2,431	8	56	83	3	4	84	98	344	397
Part Examination	444	—	—	27	—	1	—	14	—	53	—
Absent—											
Whole Examination	40	55	1	4	6	—	—	4	—	11	13
Part Examination	15	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Present—											
Whole Examination	1,947	2,376	7	7	52	77	3	4	80	94	333
Part Examination	429	—	—	—	25	—	1	—	14	—	51
Passed—											
Whole Examination	1,439	1,708	5	5	42	48	3	4	50	58	235
Part Examination	269	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	8	—	40
Failed—											
Whole Examination	508	663	2	2	10	29	—	—	30	36	98
Part Examination	160	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	6	—	11
Percentage of Failures—											
Whole Examination	26%	28.5%	19.2%	—	37.5%	29.4%	—	—	—	—	—
Part Examination	37.2%	—	76%	—	42.3%	21.5%	—	—	—	—	—

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, occupied the Chair and 13 Members of the Council were present at the Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on November 23rd.

It was reported that a letter had been received from the Department of Health approving of the Council's new Rule in regard to the splitting of the Preliminary Examination.

It was also reported that the proposal to amend Rule 20 by providing that in the case of a Nurse applying for restoration of her name to the Register, the Council should be satisfied as to the applicant's continued good character had been advertised and the Council adopted the Rule in terms of the draft and the Registrar was instructed to forward a copy to the Department of Health for Scotland for their approval in terms of the Nurses' Registration Act.

It was reported that 2,108 Nurses had failed to pay their Retention Fee when due and that a circular had been sent to them on November 3rd, reminding them of the default. The Council resolved that in terms of the Rules, the Register be closed at November 30th and that the names of these Nurses who had failed to pay their Retention Fee by that date be excluded from the Register subject to their being allowed to apply for reinclusion as laid down in the Rules.

The Council resolved that the Register be published as before at a price of 5s. plus postage and the Registrar was instructed to obtain an estimate for the work on the same lines as in previous years.

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 unanimously approved. In terms of the Committee's recommendations it was resolved that the Written Paper on Elementary

Anatomy and Physiology at the Preliminary Examination should in future consist of two Sections—one Section to contain three questions on Anatomy, of which the Candidate must answer two, and the other Section to contain three questions on Physiology, of which the Candidate must answer two.

Examiners and Supervisors were appointed for conducting the Examination in February, 1935, and the names of the Nurses who had passed the October Examinations and had now attained the age of 21 were ordered to be placed on the Register.

It will now be of importance to know who will finance the carrying out of this the new Rule for the Split Preliminary Examination.

In regard to the nurses who have failed to pay their Retention Fee the number appears large, but it is not the custom to print the Nurses' Register in Scotland but to publish only type-written copies; this may be a deterring influence.

We approve of the Amendment to Rule 20.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Sir John Murray, K.C.V.O., D.S.O., Chairman of the House Committee of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., makes an earnest appeal in the *Times* for £400,000 for the rebuilding fund of that institution, supported by the following eloquent words from the Prince of Wales, President of the Hospital.

"Here at Great Ormond Street we have the most famous children's hospital in the Empire. For over 80 years it has been fulfilling its beneficial mission of curing, and relieving the ills of suffering children and just because it was first in the field it has, of late years, fallen far behind modern standards of efficiency, not in treatment but in accommodation and equipment, and now nothing short of a complete reconstruction of its old-fashioned buildings will enable it to maintain its great ideals and traditions."

Sir John Murray says "Not even London, the greatest city in the world, had a hospital entirely devoted to children before we opened in 1852. We therefore blazed the trail where so many other splendid hospitals have followed since. Secondly, we point to the millions of children who as in-patients or out-patients have been cured or relieved within our walls. Thirdly we point to a wider sphere of influence; the doctors and surgeons who have gained experience, and the nurses who have been trained with us and have gone out into the world to bring help to countless suffering children."

It is an appeal to go straight to the hearts of all who have power in any way to help, and we wish it all success.

The Trustees of the Bernhard Baron Will Fund are making a grant of £25,000 through the Duke of Kent towards the rebuilding of St. George's Hospital. It is proposed that some section, department or wing of the new hospital be named as a memorial to Mr. Bernhard Baron.

A ball, to be known as "Bart's Ball," will be held at the Dorchester on Wednesday, May 1st, 1935, in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of which Lord Stanmore is the treasurer.

At a private Investiture, recently held by Lord Bessborough (Governor-General of Canada), at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, Sir Frederick Banting, K.C.B., was, amongst others, invested with this Order. Thousands of those who owe their lives to the discoverer of insulin, and its benefit to diabetics, will rejoice at this recognition.

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