

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and fifty-third 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 January 26th. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D. presided,

Election of Chairman.

The minutes having been taken as read and confirmed, the first business before the meeting was the election of Chairman. Miss E. M. Musson therefore vacated the chair, which was taken by Dr. H. L. Eason. As the only nomination was that of Miss E. M. Musson, Dr. Eason announced that she was unanimously elected Chairman for a further term of office. Miss Musson then resumed the chair, with thanks to the Council for re-appointing her.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman notified the Council that the only nomination for Vice-Chairman was that of Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, who was unanimously elected for a further term of office.

Correspondence.

(1) Letter dated December 15th, 1933, from the Ministry of Health :—

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.
December 15th, 1933.

MADAM,—With reference to your letter of November 24th, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the General Nursing Council on that date, submitting for the Minister's approval revised Syllabuses of Subjects for Examination for :—

- The Certificate of General Nursing,
- The Certificate for Male Nurses,
- The Certificate of Mental Nursing,
- The Certificate of Mental Defective Nursing,
- The Certificate for Sick Children's Nurses,
- The Certificate of Fever Nursing,

in substitution for the Syllabuses of Subjects for Examination previously approved by him, I am directed by the Minister of Health to inform you that he has approved the revised syllabuses in question subject to the substitution of the words "Revised 1933" for the words "Revised 1931," or "Revised 1932" wherever these latter occur, and has caused a copy of the documents containing the syllabuses as approved by him to be laid before each House of Parliament in accordance with the requirements of Section 3 (4) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919. The signed copy of the document is forwarded herewith for retention by the Council. The text of the syllabuses as published by the Council must be identical with that approved by the Minister after modification as above.

The Minister infers from the appearance of the words "Revised 1931" or "Revised 1932" on the front page of the majority of the syllabuses as originally submitted that the General Nursing Council in those years altered certain syllabuses and issued new syllabuses incorporating the alterations without obtaining the Minister's prior approval. I am therefore to remind the Council that they have no authority to issue a syllabus of examination other than that approved by the Minister of Health. The Council should appreciate that if the authority for the revised Syllabuses issued in 1931 and 1932 were called in question, they would find themselves in an untenable position, because any action taken to enforce these Syllabuses would be *ultra vires* in view of the provisions of Section 3 (3) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,
F. F. MARCHBANKS.

The Registrar,
General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

(2) Letter dated January 11th, 1934, from the Federated Superannuation Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers (Contributory) :—

1A, Henrietta Street,
Cavendish Square,
London, W.1.
January 11th, 1934.

DEAR MADAM,

I very much regret to find that by an oversight your letter dated the 18th ultimo has escaped an acknowledgment.

The adoption of this Scheme by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was duly reported to my Executive at their last meeting, held on the 20th ultimo, and I have pleasure in advising you that my Executive sanctioned the adoption of a minimum salary of £156 per annum (in lieu of the figure of £160 mentioned in the Scheme) for the compulsory inclusion of eligible employees of your Council.

I understood from Miss E. M. Musson, who was present at the Executive meeting above referred to, that you would like me to come to your office and explain the advantages of membership to the staff of your Council. I shall be very pleased to do this, but as this is now the busiest time of the year for me, I shall be glad if you will kindly suggest alternative dates.

I presume that the Scheme will be brought into operation by your Council as from the 1st January, 1934. If this is correct, the policies of individuals admitted this month will be dated the 1st April, 1934, when you will have in hand three months' contributions with which to pay the first instalments of premium.

A supply of membership forms and a copy of the Memorandum on the operation of the Scheme, are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. WADE, Secretary.

The Registrar,
General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £250 for Postage Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps and £10 for Petty Cash allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on January 26th, 1934, were :—General Register, by reciprocity, 12; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; Fever Nurses, by Examination, 11; by reciprocity, 1. Total, 26.

It was agreed that 21 Nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was agreed that the names of 2,036 Nurses, who had not paid their retention fee for 1934, be removed from the Register in accordance with the Rules, Part II, Paragraph 5 (3).

The Registration Committee reported (1) that the number of Nurses registered during 1933, were as follows :—

Number of Nurses Registered during Year 1933.

	By Examination.	By Reciprocity.
General Part of the Register	4,283	105
Supplementary Part of the Register		
for—		
Male Nurses	19	—
Mental Nurses	140	2
Nurses for Mental Defectives	3	—
Sick Children's Nurses	229	6
Fever Nurses	645	15
	5,319	128
Total	5,447	128

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