

(2) The total registered since September, 1921, was 88,647.

Total Number of Nurses Registered from September, 1921, to December 31st, 1933.

		By Examination.
General Part of the Register ...	71,515 including	29,712
Supplementary Part of the Register for—		
Male Nurses	307	73
Mental Nurses	7,696	706
Nurses for Mental Defectives	384	8
Sick Children's Nurses ...	2,532	1,471
Fever Nurses	6,213	3,921
	88,647	35,891

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that a scheme of affiliation between the Hornsey Central Hospital and King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, be approved.

It was agreed that the provisional approval of the following hospitals be continued for a further year:—

Bushey Heath Cottage Hospital, in affiliation with Watford and District Peace Memorial Hospital.

Dawlish Cottage Hospital, in affiliation with Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, and

Wharfedale Joint Isolation Hospital, Menston, in affiliation with Leeds City Hospital.

General Purposes.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was agreed that a payment of £10 10s. be made without prejudice to Mr. A. Maitland Kisch, towards the cost of certain alterations at 22, Portland Place; and that the sum of £665 18s. 9d. due to Messrs. B. Colley & Sons, Contractors, and the sum of £109 11s. 9d. due to Mr. Mayell, Architect, in connection with work carried out at Nos. 20 and 22, Portland Place, be paid, and that the sum of £253, being 10 per cent. on the Builders' total account, be held over for payment in March, 1934.

Statistics for 1933.

The General Purposes Committee reported the following figures relating to the work in the office in 1933:—Correspondence—letters received, 113,458; letters despatched, 229,739; interviews, 2,234; Uniform Permits issued, 1,972 (including 70 duplicate permits); Silver Badges issued, 2,746 (including 51 duplicate badges); duplicate Certificates of Registration issued, 7.

Entries for State Examinations (February, May and October, 1933)—Preliminary Examination, 9,221; Final Examinations, 7,525.

Meetings of Council and Committees, 93.

Application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

It was unanimously agreed by the Council that the name of Miss Margaret Mary Cummings, removed from the Register for theft, October, 1932, be restored to the General Part of the Register.

Election of Committees.

The Council proceeded to elect the Standing Committees wholly or in part.

COMMITTEES, 1934.

CHAIRMEN.

Chairman—Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D.

Vice-Chairman—Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C.

The nominations of Miss Musson and Miss Cox-Davies were confirmed.

The following Committees were agreed:—

Finance—Mr. Buckley, Miss Gullan, Mr. Harper, Miss Jones, Miss MacManus, Dr. Porter, Miss Sparshott, Miss Willis.

Registration—Miss Bowling, Miss Cockeram, Miss Darbyshire, Lady Limerick, Miss Lloyd Still, Miss MacManus, Miss Sparshott, Miss Villiers.

Education and Examination—Miss Bowling, Miss Cockeram, Miss Darbyshire, Miss Dey, Miss Gullan, Miss Gwatkin, Miss Innes, Miss Jones, Dr. Marguerite H. Kettle, Miss Lloyd Still, Miss MacManus, Miss Villiers.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases—Miss Darbyshire, Miss Dey, Miss Innes, Dr. Marguerite H. Kettle, Miss MacManus, Mr. Southwell, Miss Sparshott, Miss Villiers.

General Purposes—Mrs. Courtauld, Miss Dey, Lady Erleigh, Miss Innes, Miss Sparshott, Miss Villiers.

Mental Nursing—Mr. Buckley, Dr. Collins, Mrs. Courtauld, Miss Gullan, Mr. Harper, Dr. Porter, Miss Sparshott, Miss Willis.

Uniform—Miss Bowling, Miss Cockeram, Miss Darbyshire, Miss Lloyd Still, Miss Sparshott, Miss Villiers.

Miss Musson and Miss Cox-Davies are ex-officio members of all Committees.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Friday, February 23rd, 1934.

The Council then went *in camera* for consideration of Penal Cases.

PRESENTATION TO MISS M. S. RIDDELL, R.R.C.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the members of the Council were joined by members of former Councils, to bid farewell to Miss M. S. Riddell, R.R.C., who is retiring from the post of Registrar, a position she has filled since the inception of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in 1920.

Miss E. M. Musson, in a few well-chosen words, presented Miss Riddell with a settee and arm-chair, from some of the past and present members of the Council. Miss Musson paid a handsome tribute to the manner in which Miss Riddell had performed her responsible duties as Registrar.

Miss Riddell, in thanking all present for their gift to her, referred to the loyalty and help she had always received from the Staff.

Tea was served at the conclusion of the presentation ceremony.

THE PRESS AND THE PROBATIONER.

During the past month the Press has been busy with the Probationer, and articles have appeared which no doubt make good copy, but which have aroused both justifiable indignation upon the part of our splendidly managed Nursing Schools and been ridiculed by the "martyrs," the majority of whom not only love their work, but are quite sensible of the economic advantages enjoyed in the provision of first-class theoretical and practical education by the hospitals—for which the majority could not pay.

No one denies that Nursing is, and must be exacting work, requiring good health, energy, tip top intelligence and a keen sense of duty and self-sacrifice in the women who desire to excel in the profession. The weak and the work-shy of which unfortunately the manner of upbringing in these undisciplined days produce not a few, are not suitable for the great responsibility, often of life and death, for which probationers must qualify, and other spheres of work are open to them.

We have before us quite a stack of cuttings from the daily press—*The Sunday Pictorial* drawing a lurid picture under

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