

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and fifty-fourth 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 February 23rd. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., the Chairman, presided.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for Postage Stamps, £30 for Insurance Stamps, £10 for Petty Cash, and £8,000 for Examiners' Claims and expenses in connection with the February Examinations allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on February 23rd, 1934, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 5; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination 4, by reciprocity 2. Total 11.

It was agreed that 144 Nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Important Communication from Scotland.

A draft letter in reply to a communication from the Registrar, General Nursing Council for Scotland, in relation to a new Rule 22 (D) to be added after Rule 22 (C) of the Council's Rule, was placed before the Council for their consideration. As this important letter was not given to the press, the significance of the contents cannot be made public. Dr. Eason proposed omissions and amendments, which were agreed.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee it was agreed that:—

The Birkenhead and Wirral Children's Hospital be provisionally approved as a complete training school for Sick Children's Nurses for a period of one year;

The proposed scheme of affiliation between the Cancer Hospital, London, and the Gravesend and North Kent Hospital in addition to a scheme in force with the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, be approved:—

The provisional approval of the West Norfolk and King's Lynn General Hospital, as a complete training school, be extended for a further year;

The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, be now approved as a training school in affiliation with the General Infirmary, Salisbury.

It was reported that the following have been appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of State Examinations:—

Miss Musson and Miss Cox-Davies (*ex-officio*), Miss Lloyd Still, Miss Dey, Miss Gullan, and Miss Villiers.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that further action with regard to the case of a nurse who was reported as having been registered under false pretences, be taken *in camera*.

Mental Nursing.

It was reported that the Mental Nursing Committee met the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Mental Hospitals Committee and the Chief Officer of the Mental Hospitals Department of the London County Council, who had asked for an interview to discuss the possible reduction in examination fees for Mental Nurses. The representatives of the London County Council were informed that this was a matter which was carefully considered each year when the Auditor's Report was received, but that so far it had not been found possible to make any reduction.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Friday, March 16th, 1934.

Disciplinary Case.

The case of Miss Margaret Alice Pearson, S.R.N., 59624, was then discussed.

Mr. Pitt, the Council's Solicitor, then notified the Council that a married man, Mr. John Hay, and Miss Pearson had stayed together in hotels in London as Mr. and Mrs. Hay, and that the man's wife was now suing for maintenance.

Miss Pearson then appeared before the Council and admitted that she had, on two occasions, stayed with Mr. Hay as his wife, under the impression that he was a single man, and to whom she had become engaged, but that since finding out he was married, she had had no connection with him whatever.

Dr. Eason then asked, through the Chairman, if Miss Pearson had met Mr. Hay in the course of her professional duties; Miss Pearson replied that she had first become acquainted with Mr. Hay in a train.

The Council then went *in camera* to discuss the case.

Decision of the Council.

It was agreed by the Council that the name of Miss Margaret Alice Pearson be removed from the Register.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

It was reported by the respective Committees that the following members of the Council had been elected as their Chairmen:—

Finance.—Mr. W. H. Harper.

Registration.—Miss S. A. Villiers.

Education and Examination.—Miss A. Lloyd Still.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.—Miss R. A. Cox-Davies.

Mental Nursing.—Dr. M. A. Collins.

General Purposes.—Miss M. E. Sparshott.

Uniform.—Miss R. E. Darbyshire.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, occupied the Chair at its Meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on February 23rd, 1934, and 12 Members of the Council were present.

In the absence of Col. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of the Education and Examination Committee, the Report of that Committee was submitted by Dr. Buist. The Report was approved, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, was accepted as a complete Training School for Nurses for the General Part of the Register.

The Children's Wards, Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow, were recognised as a complete Training School for Sick Children's Nurses on the footing that these Wards are staffed as a separate Training School.

It was resolved that in future the Written Part of the Final Examination should be held on the Thursday following the Preliminary Examination in place of the Friday, as in the past.

A DICTATOR NOT DESIRED.

If any medical member of the General Nursing Council feels tempted to constitute himself a Dictator, of which there are signs, we politely advise him to desist. Unlike their Scottish colleagues, the English nurses are not prepared to submit to it.

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