

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and sixty-sixth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on April 26th. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Chairman, presided.

The Chairman, before proceeding with the business of the Meeting, presented to the Council the first volume of the Register of Nurses for 1935, which contains 73,629 names. On the General Register 61,126, and on the Supplementary Parts:—For male nurses 243, for Mental Nurses 4,968, for Nurses for Mental Defectives 242, for Sick Children's Nurses 2,043, and for Fever Nurses 5,007. Total, 73,629.

Correspondence.

The Chairman then read the following Resolution received from the President of the League of Sister Tutors:

LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS

(Affiliated to the National Council of Nurses.)

At a General Meeting of Members of the above League it was resolved—

1. That the above League have noted the suggestions formulated by the Joint Committee of the Municipal Associations and County Councils on the "Recruitment and Training of Nurses," and the proposals presented by that body to the Ministry of Health, viz.: "The care of the chronic sick shall be a separate branch."

Members of the League wish to state that while they recognise there is a problem to be solved by trained nurses themselves, they do not recognise the right or authority of such a Joint Committee to present a solution without the presence of any nurse representative on the said Committee nor general discussion among trained nurses.

2. Secondly, the members of the League are of the opinion that the above proposals would not be in the best interests of the trained nurse and would definitely degrade the status of the trained nurses in the profession.

3. Thirdly, they think the problem is easily capable of solution by nurses themselves by means of their elected leaders and respectfully ask the opinion of their representatives on the General Nursing Council on the whole subject.

(Signed) HENRIETTA BALLARD,
President.

The Chairman pointed out that this was a matter for the Nurses' Organisations to deal with, and it was agreed that this Correspondence be referred to the Education and Examination Committee for reply.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £120 for Postage Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on April 26th, 1935, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 25; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by examination 12, by reciprocity 1. Total 38.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 51 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:

The Women's Hospital, Liverpool, in affiliation with the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, be provisionally approved for a period of one year, as a training school for nurses under Section 1 (1) (d) of the Council's Scheme of Training;

The provisional approval of St. Mary's Hospital, Eastbourne; Hastings Municipal Hospital; East Preston Infirmary, near Littlehampton; and Waterloo and District General Hospital, Liverpool, be continued for a further period of one year;

The provisional approval of the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, be continued for a further period of two years;

The Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, affiliated to the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, be provisionally approved as a complete training school for nurses for a period of one year;

The additional scheme of affiliation of the County Hospital, Clayton, Bradford, with the Bradford Royal Infirmary, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The additional scheme of affiliation of the Bromley (Kent) and District Hospital, with the Hertford County Hospital be approved;

The schemes of affiliation between the Brixham Cottage Hospital and the Prince of Wales' Hospital, Plymouth, and the Warminster Cottage Hospital and the Royal United Hospital, Bath, be cancelled.

Communications were considered from the authorities of both the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, London, and of the Royal Northern Hospital, London, stating that notice of termination of the scheme of affiliation between the two hospitals had been given in error, and that the scheme was still in force.

It was therefore agreed that Recommendation 15, passed by the Council on February, 22nd, 1935, be rescinded, and that the following be substituted:—

"That the scheme of affiliation between the Medway Hospital, Chatham, and the Kent and Sussex Hospital be cancelled."

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee, it was agreed that the Cell Barnes Colony, St. Albans, be now fully approved as a complete training school for male and female nurses for Mental Defectives.

House Committee.

The Council then considered *in camera* Report and Sketch Plans submitted by Messrs. Newberry and Fowler, Architects.

Next Meeting of The Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday May 24th.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, occupied the Chair at the meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on April 26th, and 10 members of the Council were present.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of the Committee, and was unanimously approved. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee, additional Examiners were appointed and other arrangements were made for the Examinations in May.

On consideration of the question of altering the Rules to provide for a shortened training in an affiliated Hospital for a Nurse already registered on another Part of the Regis-

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