

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and sixty-seventh meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on May 24th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Correspondence.

The Nurses and Midwives Registration Board,
c/o Department of Health,
Wellington, C.I.,
New Zealand.
April 12th, 1935.

Registration of Pupil Nurses Trained in Fiji.

DEAR MADAM,—With reference to your letter GED/VW of January 25th last, I have to advise you that at a meeting of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Board held last week, the arrangement whereby nurses trained at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, Fiji, should be registered in New Zealand and by virtue of reciprocal arrangement in England, was ratified.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. BUCHANAN,
Secretary to the Board.

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 £25 for Insurance Stamps, £15 for Petty Cash, and £8,000 for Examiners' claims and expenses in connection with the May Examinations were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on May 24th, 1935, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 11; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; Fever Nurses, by examination, 8; by reciprocity, 1; total, 21.

On the recommendation of the Registration, it was agreed that 32 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, the following replies to letters received from the League of Sister Tutors and the Royal British Nurses' Association, in regard to the Recommendations of the Joint Committee appointed by the Association of Municipal Corporations and the County Councils Association, as published in the *Public Assistance Journal*, be sent.

The two communications to which the following letters are replies, were published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in our last issue, pages 124 & 131.

The Secretary,
Royal British Nurses' Association.

DEAR MADAM,—I am directed to inform you that your letter of April 29th and the Memorandum adopted by the Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association in relation to the Recommendations made by the Joint Committee appointed by the Association of Municipal Corporations and the County Councils Association to consider means of recruitment and training of nurses, was considered by the General Nursing Council at the meeting on May 24th.

The Council have not been consulted by the Joint Committee, nor have they been approached on the matter of the training of nurses for the care of the chronic sick. While it is realised that the question of the nursing of the chronic sick is one of great

importance, and a very difficult problem, the suggested scheme is not one with which this Council can deal as it does not appear to come within the scope of the present regulations of the Council. In the opinion of the Council this question is one which could best be dealt with by representations being made to the promoters of the scheme by the Nurses' Associations.

In regard to the suggested division of the Preliminary State Examination, I am to state that this matter was dealt with by Council in July, 1932, when the following decision was reached:—

"That the Council is of opinion that it would not be in the interests of the candidates nor of the Profession that the Preliminary Examination should be divided."

This decision was re-affirmed by the present Council on November 24th, 1933.

In reference to the proposal that the General Nursing Council and the Royal Medico-Psychological Association should confer and agree upon a common Syllabus, it is pointed out that a Conference between the Council and the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at the request of the Minister of Health in 1923, and that the framework of the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of Mental Nursing which was then drawn up was based on the Syllabus of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

I am, Madam,
Yours faithfully,
G. E. DAVIES,
Registrar.

The President,
The League of Sister Tutors.

DEAR MADAM,—Your letter of April 8th and the Resolution passed at the meeting of members of the League of Sister Tutors in regard to the suggestions formulated by the Joint Committee of the Municipal Corporations and County Councils Association on the Recruitment and Training of Nurses for the care of the Chronic Sick, have been considered by the General Nursing Council.

I am instructed to inform you that the Council have not been approached on this question, nor have they been consulted in any way. While it is realised that the question of the nursing of the chronic sick is one of great importance and a very difficult problem, the suggested scheme is not one with which this Council can deal as it does not appear to come within the scope of the basic standard of training laid down under the present rules and regulations of the Council.

The Council are of opinion that this is a matter which could best be dealt with by representations being made to the promoters of the scheme by the Nurses' Associations.

I am, Madam,
Yours faithfully,
G. E. DAVIES,
Registrar.

It was agreed that Ruchill Fever Hospital, Glasgow, be temporarily approved as a complete training school for Fever Nurses for the purpose of the application from a nurse trained at Ruchill Fever Hospital, approved by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, who is now resident in England and seeks permission to sit for the Examinations held by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The qualifications to be held by Examiners and Lecturers were considered, and the following recommendations with amendments agreed to on the motion of Dr. Eason, seconded by Miss E. S. Innes, adopted:—

"(i) *Preliminary Examination.*
(a) That it be recommended that Lectures on Anatomy and Physiology should be given by recognised Professors in Anatomy and Physiology, or by qualified Medical Practitioners who have held at least a resident post in a Hospital, and that revision classes be held by Sister Tutors.

(b) That Medical Examiners be appointed for the Oral Examinations in Anatomy and in Physiology; that these Examiners should be Medical Practitioners of good standing who have held a resident or other post on the staff of a Hospital and who have had experience in teaching."

"(ii) *Final Examination.*
(a) That Examiners in Medicine shall hold, or have held,

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