

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and sixty-ninth 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 July 26th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Correspondence.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the Minister of Health, notifying the Council that he could not authorise additions and amendments to the Rules in regard to the setting up of a test educational examination, the prescribed manner of using the Seal, and other minor amendments, in the present form of wording.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Registration Committee and the Council's solicitor.

The Chairman reported the death of Mr. Sidney Pitt, Solicitor to the Council from 1923-1933, and it was agreed that an expression of sympathy, and appreciation for his work in connection with the Council, be conveyed to his son, who now acts in the capacity of solicitor to the Council.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £200 for general postage stamps, £500 for postage of Retention Fee notices, £200 for postage of receipts, £70 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for petty cash, were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on July 26th, 1935, were:—General Register, by examination 1; by reciprocity, 10; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 3, by reciprocity, 13. Total, 28.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 22 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 Abergelge Sanatorium, in affiliation with Crumpsall Hospital and Withington Hospital, Manchester, be provisionally approved as a training school for nurses for a period of one year, under Section 1 (1) (d) of the Council's Scheme of Training; that the Lancaster and District Isolation Hospital be provisionally approved as a complete training school for Fever Nurses; that the Pontefract General Infirmary be approved as a complete training school for nurses; and that the provisional approval of the Doncaster Isolation Hospital, the Farnham Infirmary in affiliation with Kingston and District Hospital, and Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford in affiliation with Kingston and District Hospital, be continued for a further period of one year.

It was agreed that the scheme of affiliation between the Bromley and District Hospital and Guy's Hospital, and between the West Cornwall Miners' and Women's Hospital, and the Bridgwater Hospital, be provisionally approved for a period of one year.

It was agreed that the scheme of affiliation between the City Sanatorium, Birmingham, and the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the Scheme.

It was agreed that the present arrangement be cancelled and the following paragraph substituted:—

Tuberculosis.—Causation. Varieties. Symptoms. Com-

lications. Modes of Death. What to observe and report. Preventive and Clinical Nursing, and that the Minister of Health be asked to sanction this re-arrangement of the Syllabus.

Penal Cases.

The Chairman reported that she had instructed the Solicitor to the Council to take action against Victoria Alexandra Mitchell who posed as a State Registered Nurse, also using the letters R.R.C. and C.M.B. after her name. The case was heard at the Marylebone Police Court on July 9th; the accused pleaded guilty, and was bound over in the sum of 40s. for twelve months.

The case of a Registered Nurse was considered *in camera*.

House Committee.

The Report of the House Committee was taken *in camera*.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, September 27th.

LEGAL MATTERS.

Summons against Nurse.

Victoria Alexandra Mitchell, of Maitland Park Villas, London, N.W.3, was summoned by the General Nursing Council at Marylebone for using the name and title of a registered nurse, when she was not registered. She pleaded guilty and said she had removed the doorplate complained of.

Counsel for the General Nursing Council said that Detective-Sergeant May called upon the defendant concerning the use of initials "R.R.C." on notepaper and found on a doorplate the initials "S.R.N." (State Registered Nurse) and "R.R.C." The defendant appeared before the Marlborough Street magistrate for using the notepaper and was bound over, but the magistrate declined to deal with the matter of the doorplate.

The magistrate bound the defendant over and said he would not grant costs against her.

Nurse on Probation.

Stated to have confessed to her employer that she had pawned some of his property, Florence Saunders (35), nurse, of Handel Street, W.C.1, was bound over and placed on probation for 12 months at Marylebone on Tuesday on a charge of stealing from Chiltern Court, Baker Street, N.W.1, two rings, a gold wristlet watch, two night-dresses, a brooch, ten table mats, a silver christening cup, etc., worth £15, belonging to Mr. J. Southern, her employer. She pleaded guilty.

A detective said that when Mr. Southern missed some property he questioned her and she admitted pawning it. He gave her money to redeem the property and she brought the articles back. He informed the police and she was arrested. Pawntickets in her possession were found to relate to other property belonging to her employer.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Dr. Charles Planck, late of Pontresina, Hayward's Heath, left £1,000 and his piano to Miss Madge Hunter, Matron of the Powick Mental Hospital, Worcester.

Lord Fitzmaurice, P.C., D.Litt, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, left £400 to Miss Gladys Hussey, Nurse and Masseuse.

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