

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and sixty-fourth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on January 25th. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Election of Chairman.

The minutes having been taken as read and confirmed, the first business of the meeting was the election of Chairman.

Miss Musson then vacated the Chair, which was taken by the Countess of Limerick. As there was only one nomination, Lady Limerick announced that Miss E. M. Musson was unanimously elected Chairman for a further period of office. Miss Musson then resumed the Chair, with thanks to the Council for re-appointing her.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

As there were two nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman—Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C.—a ballot was necessary. The ballot papers were handed round, two members of the staff of the General Nursing Council were appointed scrutineers, and the voting took place. It was announced from the Chair that 13 votes had been accorded Miss Darbyshire and 9 votes given to Miss Cox-Davies. Miss Darbyshire was therefore elected Vice-Chairman for a period of one year.

The Chairman wished to record her thanks to Miss Cox-Davies for the assistance she had always been so ready to render to the Chair during her long term of office.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £50 for postage stamps, £20 for insurance stamps, and £5 for petty cash were allowed.

The Chairman reported that the Council's holding of £2,555 13s. 2d. 3½ per cent. London County Consolidated Stock had been converted into 2½ per cent. London County Consolidated Stock, 1960-70.

This action was approved by the Council.

Registration.

A letter from the Secretary of the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board of New Zealand was considered, asking if the General Nursing Council for England and Wales would agree to accept for registration by reciprocity nurses who had been trained at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, Fiji, and registered by the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board of New Zealand after passing the examination of that Board.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that the following clause be added to the agreement for reciprocal registration between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board for New Zealand, passed by Council on October 6th, 1932:—

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for registration by reciprocity Nurses trained at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, Fiji, and registered by the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board of New Zealand after having passed the examination of that Board."

Applications for approval for Registration on January 25th, 1935, were: General Register, by reciprocity, 9; Supplementary Part of the Register, for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; Fever Nurses, by examination, 13, by reciprocity, 1. Total, 24.

It was agreed that 28 Nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was agreed that the names of 2,281 Nurses who had not paid their retention fee for 1935 be removed from the Register, in accordance with the Rules, Part II, Paragraph 5 (3).

The Registration Committee reported (1) that the number of Nurses registered during 1934 was as follows:—

		Number of Nurses Registered during Year 1934.	
		By Examination.	By Reciprocity.
General Part of the Register	....	4,377	97
Supplementary Part of the Register			
for—			
Male Nurses	....	20	—
Mental Nurses	....	133	1
Nurses for Mental Defectives	....	11	—
Sick Children's Nurses	....	191	6
Fever Nurses	....	671	21
		5,403	125
Total	....	5,528	

(2) The total number registered since September, 1921, was 94,174.

Total Number of Nurses Registered from September, 1921, to December 31st, 1934.

General Part of the Register—		75,989 including 34,089 by Examination.	
Supplementary Part of the Register for—			
Male Nurses	.... 327	93	..
Mental Nurses	.... 7,828	842	..
Nurses for Mental Defectives	.... 395	19	..
Sick Children's Nurses	.... 2,729	1,662	..
Fever Nurses	.... 6,905	4,592	..
	94,174	41,297	..

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that the Dewsbury Joint Hospital, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, be provisionally approved as a complete training school for Fever Nurses.

It was agreed that the Bushey Heath Cottage Hospital, in affiliation with the Watford and District Peace Memorial Hospital, be now fully approved as a training school for Nurses under Section I (1) (c) of the Council's Scheme of Training.

It was agreed that the following schemes of affiliation be cancelled:—

Warwickshire Orthopædic Hospital for Children, Coleshill, in affiliation with the Willesden General Hospital.

Chester City Hospital, in affiliation with Birkenhead Municipal Hospital.

Chester City Hospital, in affiliation with Mill Road Infirmary, and Smithdown Road Hospital, Liverpool.

It was agreed that a further list of examiners be added to the Panel of Examiners.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, February 22nd, 1935.

Disciplinary Case.

Mr. Hewitt Pitt (Solicitor for the Council), addressed the Council in regard to Mrs. M. M. Tomlin, S.R.N. 56740, late Health Visitor for the Wolverhampton Corporation. Mrs. Tomlin was found guilty at the Birmingham Police

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