

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 February 22nd. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman read a letter from the Registrar of the Nurses' Board of South Australia agreeing to the following clause being added to the reciprocal agreement existing between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the Nurses' Board of South Australia:—

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for registration by reciprocity—

(3) Nurses trained in England and Wales in a General Hospital approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and registered by the Nurses' Registration Board of South Australia."

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims, submitted for payment, were approved, and the sum of £150 for Postage Stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps, £20 for Petty Cash, and £7,000 for Examiners' claims and expenses in connection with the February Examinations were allowed.

It was agreed that the following resolution passed by Council on February 24th, 1933, be rescinded:—

"That in the absence of either the Chairman of Council or Chairman of the Finance Committee, Miss Cox-Davies and Miss Sparshott be empowered to sign cheques," and the following resolution be substituted:—

"That in the absence of either the Chairman of Council or Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Vice-Chairman and/or the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee be empowered to sign cheques in the place of either the Chairman of Council or Chairman of the Finance Committee, or both of them if absent at the same time."

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on February 22nd, 1935, were: General Register, by reciprocity, 11; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; Fever Nurses, by Examination, 14, by reciprocity, 3. Total, 30.

It was agreed that 172 Nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and who 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 Bridgend Infirmary, in affiliation with Llwynpia General Hospital, and Ransom Sanatorium, Rainworth, Mansfield, in affiliation with Leicester City General Hospital, be provisionally approved as affiliated training schools for one year.

It was agreed that the Wakefield Municipal Hospital be provisionally approved as a complete training school for Fever Nurses for a period of one year.

It was agreed that the provisional approval of the following hospitals be continued:—

Heathfields Hospital, Ipswich, in affiliation with Crumpsall Hospital and Withington Hospital, Manchester, and East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich, until May 27th, 1936.

Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool, until February 22nd, 1936.

Wrightington Hospital, near Wigan, in affiliation with Bury Infirmary, Warrington Infirmary, and Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, until June 30th, 1936.

It was agreed that the new schemes of affiliation be provisionally approved for a period of one year: Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, London, affiliation with Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, in place of the Royal Northern Hospital, London; Smallwood Hospital, Redditch, affiliation with the Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa, in place of the General Hospital, Birmingham; and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, London, affiliation with the Mansfield and District Hospital, in place of the Dreadnought Hospital, London, and that the schemes which have terminated be cancelled.

It was agreed that the names of the Brompton Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, London, and Oaklands Infirmary, Bishop Auckland, be removed from the list of approved Affiliated Training Schools, as they have notified the Council that they do not intend in future to train nurses.

It was agreed that the schemes of affiliation be cancelled between the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, London, and the Royal Northern Hospital, London; and between the Medway Hospital, Chatham; and the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

It was agreed that Miss Musson and Miss Darbyshire, *ex officio*, and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss Gullan, Miss Gwatkin, and Miss Villiers be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of the State Examinations.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee, it was agreed that the name of the Newport Mental Hospital, Caerleon, be removed from the list of approved training schools for Mental Nurses, as the Medical Superintendent stated that it was not desired to continue the hospital as a training school for Mental Nurses.

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

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, March 15th.

Disciplinary Case.

Mr. Hewitt Pitt (Solicitor for the Council) addressed the Council in regard to Miss Elsie Mabel Fidoe, S.R.N., 63272, who was bound over in a sum of £10, for six months, for stealing dangerous drugs from the Dispensary of the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport (Mon.), and of being in possession of dangerous drugs without authority.

An uncle of Miss Fidoe accompanied her to the meeting of the Council, and gave evidence on her behalf.

Miss Fidoe had been infected by a patient suffering from pyæmia, and as a consequence had endured much pain; she also had an invalid mother who was a most exacting patient, and with whom she spent as much time as possible.

Feeling that she had come to the end of her resources, and remembering how easily a doctor she had nursed had died from an overdose of morphia, Miss Fidoe decided to take her life.

She visited a friend at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, where she had received her training, and on the way out, in passing the Dispensary and finding it empty, she was tempted to steal some poison from the locked cupboard; she broke open the door and snatched three bottles, which she took away with her.

The Dispenser, returning, gave the alarm, and the police traced the missing bottles to Miss Fidoe. The bottles had

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