

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on October 23rd. The chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Correspondence.

The ratification of the terms of the Agreement for Reciprocal Registration of Nurses between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses was reported.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £10,000 for Examiners' Claims, £1,000 for accommodation for examinations, £250 for postage stamps, £30 for insurance stamps and £20 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on October 23rd were: General Register, by reciprocity, 12; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses by reciprocity, 3; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 15. Total 32.

It was agreed that 45 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:

Hastings Borough Sanatorium for Infectious Diseases, in affiliation with Brighton Borough Sanatorium and Infectious Diseases Hospital, be provisionally approved for a period of one year, as an affiliated Training School for Fever Nurses under Section I (5) of the Council's Scheme of Training;

Worthing Hospital be now approved as a complete Training School for Nurses;

The Scheme of affiliation between the Royal Cancer Hospital, London, and the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, be now fully approved;

The provisional approval of the Princess Beatrice Hospital, London, and St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, as complete Training Schools for Nurses, be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the Mill Lane Hospital, Wallasey, as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses, be extended for a further year;

The scheme of affiliation between the Haslemere and District Hospital, and the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, be provisionally approved for a period of one year, in place of the Schemes between the Haslemere and District Hospital and the Hampstead General and North West London Hospital, and the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, which have been terminated;

The scheme of affiliation between the Paulton Memorial Hospital and the Royal United Hospital, Bath, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's Solicitor had been instructed to take action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act against a nurse who has falsely represented herself to be a State Registered Nurse. This action was approved.

An application was before the Council for the restoration of a Nurse's name to the Register.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee it was agreed that the name of the Cumberland and Westmorland Mental Hospital, Carlisle, be removed from the list of approved training Schools for Mental Nurses; and the name of the Royal Earlswood Institution for Mental Defectives, Redhill, be removed from the list of approved training schools for nurses for Mental Defectives, upon the application of the respective Medical Superintendents.

House Committee.

It was reported that the House Committee had met twice, on October 8th and 23rd.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, November 27th.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at the offices of the Council, 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, October 30th, 1936. Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair.

There was submitted a letter from the Department of Health for Scotland, dated October 28th, stating the Department's approval to the appointment of Miss Ruth H. Pecker, Area Organiser Midlands, of the College of Nursing, London, as whole-time Registrar to the Council in terms of Section 4 of the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., LL.D., Convener of the Committee, and was approved. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee, it was resolved that duplicate Certificates of Registration be issued to four Nurses on payment of the usual fee.

The Report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved, and sundry accounts in connection with the Council's recent Examinations were passed for payment.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, November 20th.

A CHARMING CALENDAR.

We hope our readers have taken note of the Calendar "Twelve Good Companions," arranged by Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and have written her at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, for their supplies, for they are so charming, with twelve different covers, and the demand for them so great, that those planning to buy them at the Christmas Sale on December 7th may find them already sold out. The cost is 1s. 6d. (postage 3d. extra).

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,

One was an optimistic soul;

The other looked on the gloomy side;

'We are going to die!' he sadly cried;

And so with one despairing cry

He flung up his legs and said 'Good-bye.'

Quoth the other frog with a merry grin,

'I can't get out, but I won't give in,

I'll just swim round till my strength is spent,

Then will I die the more content.'

Bravely he swam, till it would seem

His struggle began to churn the cream.

On the top of the butter at last he stopped,

And out of the bowl he gaily hopped.

What of the moral? 'Tis easily found:

If you can't hop out, keep swimming around."

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