

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 November 27th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £25 for insurance stamps and £10 for petty cash were allowed, and the estimate from Messrs. Butler and Tanner, Ltd., of £2,260 0s. 0d. for 250 copies of the Register of Nurses for 1937, accepted.

It was agreed that Messrs. Barton, Mayhew & Co. be appointed Auditors to the Council in the place of Mr. West, deceased.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on November 27th were: General Register, by reciprocity, 27; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 15, by reciprocity, 2. Total 45.

It was agreed that 48 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be reincluded.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:

The Royal Infirmary, Leicester, be provisionally approved for one year as a complete Training School for Male Nurses, entrants being limited to candidates from the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, and to Registered Mental Nurses;

Tolworth Isolation Hospital be provisionally approved as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses for a period of one year;

Strinesdale Sanatorium, Oldham, be provisionally approved for a period of one year in combination with Westhulme Infectious Diseases Hospital, Oldham;

Woking and District Victoria Hospital, in affiliation with Croydon General Hospital; City Sanatorium, Birmingham, in affiliation with the Dudley Road Hospital and with the Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham; Northwood, Pinner and District Hospital, in affiliation with the Hampstead General and North West London Hospital, be now fully approved;

The provisional approval of Hartshill Orthopaedic Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, in affiliation with London Road Hospital, Newcastle, Staffs; Sevenoaks and Holmesdale Hospital, in affiliation with Connaught Hospital, London; Luton Children's Hospital, in affiliation with Watford and District Peace Memorial Hospital; County Hospital, Pembury; Mill Hill Isolation Hospital, Huddersfield; and County Sanatorium and Isolation Hospital, Markfield, Leicester, be continued for a further year;

The scheme of affiliation between the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, and the Leicester Royal Infirmary for training of Male Nurses, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The scheme of affiliation between the Women's Hospital, Liverpool, and the St Helen's Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The scheme of affiliation between the Haslemere and District Hospital and the Hampstead General and North-West London Hospital and the Wolverhampton Royal Hospital be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee it was agreed that Hoxham Colony, Bristol, be now approved as a complete Training School for Nurses for Mental Defectives, and the provisional approval of the Ewell Mental Hospital, Epsom, as a complete Training School for Mental Nurses be extended for a further period of six months.

Uniform.

Modification in the shape of the State Registered Hat was considered, and the two new models approved.

Non-Payment of Retention Fee.

The Chairman reported the case of a nurse, posing as a State Registered Nurse, who had not paid her retention fee since 1929, which came before the Watford Police Court. The magistrate treated the case under the Probation of Offenders' Act, bound her over, and suggested that she paid the arrears, and had her name put back upon the Supplementary Part of the State Register for Sick Children's Nurses

Application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

An application was received from Mrs. Harper, *nee* Anthony, for the restoration of her name to the Register. Miss Anthony's name was struck from the Register in 1929, she having been fined £5, and required to pay £2 2s. costs, for stealing a hat from Messrs. Bourne and Hollingsworth.

Decision of the Council.

After discussing the case *in camera*, the Council decided to restore the name of Miss Gladys Anthony, S.R.N. 46002, to the General Part of the Register of Nurses.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, December 18th.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

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The results of the recent State Examinations are as under:—

Preliminary State Examination, October, 1936.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
First entries	2,803	120	2,683	2,024	659	24.6%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	365	23	342	168	174	50.9%
" Part Exam.	297	22	275	153	122	44.4%
" Total	3,465	165	3,300	2,345	955	

Final State Examination, October, 1936.

	Register.	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
General—							
First entries		2,020	43	1,983	1,420	563	28.4%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.		185	8	177	88	89	50.3%
" Part Exam.		389	17	372	182	190	51.0%
" Total		2,600	68	2,532	1,600	842	
Male—							
First entries		13	—	13	11	2	15.4%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.		1	—	1	—	1	100.0%
" Part Exam.		3	—	3	1	2	66.6%
" Total		17	—	17	12	5	
Mental—							
First entries		63	3	60	45	15	25.0%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.		8	—	8	—	8	100.0%
" Part Exam.		19	2	17	5	12	70.6%
" Total		90	5	85	50	35	
Mental Defect—							
First entries		3	—	3	1	2	66.6%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.		—	—	—	—	—	—
" Part Exam.		—	—	—	—	—	—
" Total		3	—	3	1	2	
Sick Children—							
First entries		110	4	106	87	19	17.9%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.		3	—	3	1	2	66.6%
" Part Exam.		10	—	10	5	5	50.0%
" Total		123	4	119	93	26	
Fever—							
First entries		367	19	348	254	94	27.0%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.		67	5	62	28	34	54.8%
" Part Exam.		35	4	31	14	17	54.8%
" Total		409	28	441	296	145	

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