

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 January 24th. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D. presided.

Before the commencement of the Meeting, on the invitation of the Chairman all present, standing, paid silent homage to the memory of our dearly loved Sovereign, King George V.

Messages of condolence were drafted to be sent to His Majesty King Edward VIII and her Majesty Queen Mary, in their bereavement.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE.

20, Portland Place, London, W.1.
24th January, 1936.

TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

Most Gracious Majesty,

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, now assembled, desire to express, on behalf of all Nurses registered in England and Wales—numbering some eighty thousand of Your Majesty's Subjects—profound sorrow in the great loss which has befallen Your Majesty, the Royal Family, and the Empire in the death of His late Majesty King George V. and to convey to Your Majesty our deepest sympathy in your grief.

Further, we humbly desire to offer an expression of sincere congratulation on Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne of your ancestors, and an assurance of our continued loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

ELLEN M. MUSSON, S.R.N.,
Chairman.
GWLADYS E. DAVIES, S.R.N.,
Registrar.

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TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:

Most Gracious Majesty,

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, now assembled, desire to express their profound sorrow at the death of their dearly-loved King, His Majesty King George V. With humble duty they offer to Your Majesty and to the Royal Family, on behalf of the Registered Nurses of England and Wales, an assurance of their deep and loyal sympathy in this overwhelming bereavement.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

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Election of Chairman.

The Minutes having been taken as read and confirmed the next business on the Agenda was the election of Chairman. Miss Musson vacated the Chair which was taken by the Countess of Limerick who stated that the only nomination received for this position had been for Miss Musson. She had therefore very great pleasure in announcing that she was re-elected for a further term of office.

Miss Musson then resumed the Chair and expressed her thanks to the Council for re-electing her, and for the help that she had received from it during the past year.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Only one member of the Council was nominated for the office of Vice-Chairman, Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., and the Chairman moved that a message be sent to Miss Darbyshire notifying her that she had been re-elected to

this position, and expressing the hope that she would return to England fully restored to health.

Legal Case.

It was reported that Mrs. N. Richardson, ordered to pay £10 fine and £5 5s. costs by the magistrate at the West London Police Court for falsely representing herself to be a State Registered Nurse, had failed to pay this sum, and was now serving a term of one month's imprisonment.

Amendment of the Rules.

Correspondence was reported concerning the amendments of the Rules governing conditions of admission to the Register of Nurses by examination.

Mr. A. W. Neville, of the Ministry of Health, notified that the amendments of the Rules in the form now submitted seemed, subject to two observations, to be in order, and the formal approval of the Minister would be issued in due course.

He suggested in the proposed Rule 4 (1) (a) that the term "His Majesty's Dominions" which is the statutory phrase, and for that reason used elsewhere in the Rules, be substituted for 'the British Empire.'

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £50 for Postage Stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps, and £10 for Petty Cash were allowed.

It was agreed that the following resolution passed by Council on November 27th, 1931:—

"That a flat rate payment of £2 2s. for one day's examination, and £1 1s. for every additional day's examination be offered to any Hospital which may desire to make a claim," be rescinded and the following substituted:—

"That a minimum fee of £5 5s. be paid for one day's examination, a fee of £2 2s. per day for the second and third days' examination, and a fee of £1 1s. for a fourth day's examination."

The question of fees payable to the Examiners of the Oral and Practical parts of the Preliminary State Examination was considered, and it was agreed that the last paragraph of Recommendation 10 passed by Council on January 29th, 1932: "Preliminary Examination.—A fee of £4 a day for two sessions (morning and afternoon). A fee of £2 for one session only," be rescinded, and the following substituted:—

"A fee at the rate of £2 10s. per session—minimum fee £5."

Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee it was agreed that the form of Certificate of Registration be amended, and this form be sent to the Minister of Health for approval.

The position of nurses trained in approved hospitals in England and Wales and registered in His Majesty's Dominions was considered, and it was recommended:—

"That a clause as set forth below be added to the Reciprocal Agreements in force with the Nurses' Registration Boards of New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania, the Central Midwives' and Nurses' Council of Burma and the Medical Council of Southern Rhodesia, and that the respective Authorities be asked to agree to the addition.

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

"Nurses trained in England and Wales in a General Hospital approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and registered by . . ."

Applications for approval for Registration on January 24th, 1936, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 20;

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