

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on March 19th. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman proposed, and it was carried unanimously, that congratulations be forwarded to Mr. Eason, upon becoming Principal of the London University.

The Chairman had pleasure in presenting to the Council the first Volume of the State Register of Nurses, containing 68,195 names. Volume II would also very shortly be ready for distribution, containing 13,935 names upon the Supplementary Parts of the Register. The total number of names upon the whole Register for 1937 was 82,130.

Miss Sarah Thomas, who had falsely represented herself to be a State Registered Nurse, was fined £1, and ordered to return the S.R.N. badge, which had since been received.

Correspondence.

The Chairman read the following Resolution received from the British College of Nurses :—

Resolution.

“At the Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses held on Saturday, February 20th, it was unanimously agreed to call the attention of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to the action taken by the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State, in publishing in the press the names of successful candidates in the State Examinations for Nurses conducted by it.

“As this advisable publicity was first advocated by the Council of the British College of Nurses in 1934, this Council now urges that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales should reconsider its refusal to grant publicity in the press to its successful examinees.”

The Chairman reminded the Council that the matter was brought before their notice in 1934, and after consideration and enquiries it was agreed that as the press were unable to place space at their disposal for this purpose, it would be too costly to take advertisement space. It was decided at that time that nothing could be done in the matter.

Miss Villiers then asked if *The Irish Times* had inserted the names of the successful candidates in the examination conducted by the General Nursing Council of the Irish Free State in the news or advertisement columns; and proposed that the matter be referred to the Education and Examination Committee; no one seconded her proposal.

Mr. Buckley then proposed that no action be taken in the matter. No one seconded his proposal.

Miss MacManus then proposed that a letter of explanation be sent to the British College of Nurses, which Miss Cox-Davies seconded, remarking that it would be only courteous to reply to the communication received.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on March 19th were: General Register, by reciprocity, 16; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by examination, 17, by reciprocity, 1. Total 34.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 84 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 :—

The scheme of affiliation between the South London Hospital for Women and the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The schemes of affiliation between the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital for Women, London, and the Mansfield and District Hospital, and the Battersea General Hospital, London, be now fully approved;

As from March 19th, 1937, the scheme of affiliation between the Smallwood Hospital, Redditch, and the Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the Scheme; and that the name of the Smallwood Hospital be removed from the list of approved training schools.

Application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

Miss Margaret Alice Pearson (now Mrs. Martin Thomson) made application for the restoration of her name to the Register, which was removed in March, 1934.

Evidence was produced of her good character during these three years, and after the Council had discussed the case *in camera*, it was agreed that her name be restored to the Register.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, April 23rd.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

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The results of the State Examinations are as under :—

Preliminary State Examination, February, 1937.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
First entries	1,956	180	1,776	1,266	510	28.7%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	432	51	381	192	189	49.6%
“ Part Exam. ..	245	23	222	135	87	39.2%

Final State Examination, February, 1937.

Register.	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
General—						
First entries	1,413	68	1,345	984	361	26.8%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	259	21	238	131	107	44.9%
“ Part Exam. ..	514	34	480	312	168	35%
“ Total ..	2,186	123	2,063	1,427	636	
Male—						
First entries	3	—	3	1	2	66.6%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
“ Part Exam. ..	6	2	4	1	3	75%
“ Total ..	9	2	7	2	5	—
Mental—						
First entries	49	4	45	36	9	20%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	7	—	7	2	5	71.4%
“ Part Exam. ..	25	3	22	9	13	59%
“ Total ..	81	7	74	47	27	
Mental Defect—						
First entries	3	—	3	3	—	—
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
“ Part Exam. ..	2	—	2	2	—	—
“ Total ..	5	—	5	5	—	—
Sick Children—						
First entries	86	4	82	69	13	15.8%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	5	3	2	1	1	50%
“ Part Exam. ..	17	2	15	11	4	26.7%
“ Total ..	108	9	99	81	18	
Fever—						
First entries	300	19	281	224	57	20.3%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	52	6	46	33	13	28.3%
“ Part Exam. ..	48	3	45	28	17	37.8%
“ Total ..	400	28	372	285	87	

REGISTER OF NURSES.

We have to thank the Chairman of the G.N.C. for a copy of the Register of Nurses (1937), containing the names, qualifications and addresses of Nurses registered under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919.

It is a gift which we receive annually with a thrill of pleasure.

The two volumes appear again handsomely presented, well printed and edited, and evidently containing an increased number of names.

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