

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales held their first meeting in the new offices at 23, Portland Place, London, W., on May 28th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman announced the gift of a crystal vase from the Registrar and Staff for use on the Council Room table, filled with lovely carnations. She also congratulated Miss H. Dey, R.R.C., and Miss M. Jones, A.R.R.C., upon receiving the Order of the British Empire in the recent Honours Awards; she also stated that congratulations had been forwarded to Lady Limerick, a member of Council, upon the birth of a second son.

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 the Examinations; £100 for postage stamps; £30 for insurance stamps; and £10 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on May 28th were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 22; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 10; by reciprocity, 6. Total, 39.

It was agreed that 40 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:—

Penrhiwtyn Infirmary, Neath, be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a Complete Training School for Nurses.

Isolation Hospital, Chester-le-Street, be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses;

The scheme of affiliation between Sully Hospital, Cardiff, and Llandough Hospital, Penarth, Cardiff, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The schemes of affiliation between Heathfields Hospital, Ipswich, in affiliation with East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Withington Hospital, Manchester and Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester; Bretby Hall Orthopaedic Hospital, Burton-on-Trent, in affiliation with Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, and Withington Hospital, Manchester; Ransom Sanatorium, Rainworth, in affiliation with Leicester City General Hospital, and Withington Hospital, Manchester; and Richard Murray Hospital, Blackhill, in affiliation with Bradford Royal Infirmary, be continued for a further year;

The scheme of affiliation between the Fusehill Hospital, Carlisle, and the Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme, and that the name of the Fusehill Hospital, Carlisle, be deleted from the list of approved training schools;

The scheme of affiliation between the Moorland Infirmary, Rawtenstall, and the Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme; and that the scheme of affiliation between the Moorland Infirmary, Rawtenstall, and the Park Hospital, Davyhulme, be provisionally approved for a period of two years.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's solicitor had been instructed to take the necessary action under Section 8 (1)

of the Nurses' Registration Act against a nurse who had falsely represented herself to be a State Registered Nurse. This nurse was convicted, and fined £10.

General Purposes.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was agreed that the estimate of Messrs. Harrods, Ltd., amounting to £64 12s. 6d., for supply of overalls for the Staff be accepted.

House Committee.

The Chairman reported that Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal had graciously consented to declare the building open on June 24th; also that the move from the old premises had been completed, but that all new furniture had not yet been delivered.

Disciplinary Case.

The case of Miss Ida Melville, R.F.N. 1313, a district nurse working under the Shropshire District Nursing Association, was brought before the Council.

The Council's solicitor and Miss Melville accompanied by the Superintendent under whom she has been working, attended the meeting.

Miss Melville was detained on January 15th and charged with stealing a pair of stockings and three books from the premises of Lewis, Ltd., Bull Street, Birmingham. She pleaded guilty and was fined 40s.

In her defence she stated that she had been suffering from insomnia and over-work, and on that day had been almost knocked down by a motor car. She had no recollection whatever as to events that had taken place that day.

The Superintendent of the Shropshire District Nursing Association, who accompanied her, bore testimony to her excellent character and record of work.

The Council discussed the case *in camera* and subsequently passed the following Resolution:

Resolution.

"That the Council do postpone their judgment on the conviction proved against Miss Ida Melville, R.F.N. 1313, for a period of one year."

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, June 25th.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL TO MRS. CARTER.

The Duke of Gloucester presided at the statutory meeting of the Council of the British Red Cross Society on June 10th.

Before the formal business of the meeting began, the Duke presented the Florence Nightingale Medal to Mrs. Maynard Linden Carter, A.R.R.C., S.R.N., Director of the Nursing Division of the League of Red Cross Societies. This medal is awarded in alternate years by the International Red Cross Committee to ladies of any nationality distinguished in nursing service on the recommendation of national Red Cross Societies. Mrs. Carter, who was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, following three years' service at the Ranyard Mission in London, was mobilised during the War in the Territorial Army Nursing Service. In 1921 Mrs. Carter joined the League of Red Cross Societies, and took a leading part in the organisation of the Courses for International Students at Bedford College.

The Director-General (Lieut.-General Sir Harold Fawcus) announced that the four-yearly International Red Cross Conference would be held in London in June, 1938.

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