

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, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on September 24th.

The chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Correspondence.

The Registrar read a letter from the Secretary, International Council of Nurses, of thanks for hospitality shown to members attending the International Congress of Nurses in July by the Council of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £550 for stamps for election, £350 for general postage stamps, £30 for Insurance Stamps, and £15 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration

Applications for approval for Registration on September 24th were: General Register, by reciprocity, 43; Supplementary part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 37, by reciprocity, 4; total, 88.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 62 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names reincluded in the Register, should be reincluded.

It was agreed that the following scheme of election be approved:—

The Notice of Election will appear in the daily Press on September 30th, and in the Nursing Press, for the weeks ending October 2nd and October 9th.

Nomination Papers (Form B) and Declaration Forms (Form C) must be applied for by registered nurses, and must be returned to the Returning Officer by noon on November 1st.

Every Nomination Paper (Form B) must state the name, registered address and registered qualification or qualifications of the candidate nominated; it must be signed by not fewer than six persons having the requisite qualifications for nominating the candidate; and the address and registered qualification or qualifications of each one so signing must be appended to her signature.

The Nomination Paper must be accompanied by a Declaration Form (Form C) signed by the person nominated, acknowledging that she consents to be nominated and must be delivered by post or otherwise before the hour of noon on November 1st.

The names of the candidates nominated will be prepared for the printer, and the Ballot Papers will be issued on or about November 15th.

From the date of posting the Ballot Papers, twenty-one days are allowed for the return of these papers, which will be about December 6th.

It is, therefore, anticipated that the result of the Election will be declared at the Council Meeting on December 17th.

It was agreed that the registered address be the registered address as it stands in the books of the Council at September 30th, 1937.

It was agreed that the Registration Committee be empowered to deal with all matters concerning the election of Council.

Education and Examination.

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

The scheme of affiliation between King George's Sanatorium for Sailors, Liphook and the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, Portsmouth, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

Westmorland County Hospital, Kendal, be now fully approved as a complete training school for nurses;

The following schemes of affiliation between North Wales Sanatorium, Denbigh, and St. Helens Hospital, and between Finchley Memorial Hospital, London, and the Royal Northern Hospital, London, be now fully approved;

The provisional approval of the Wilson Hospital, Mitcham, and the Princess Beatrice Hospital, London, be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the Newcastle General Hospital as a training school for male nurses, be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the schemes of affiliation between Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford, in affiliation with Kingston and District Hospital, Birkenhead Municipal Hospital, Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, Withington Hospital, Manchester, and St. Mary's Hospital Portsmouth, and of the Strinesdale Sanatorium, in combination with Westhulme Infectious Diseases Hospital, Oldham, be extended for a further year;

The scheme of affiliation between White Cliff Hospital, Torquay, and the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme, and that the name of the White Cliff Hospital, Torquay, be deleted from the list of approved training schools;

The scheme of affiliation between Bridgend Infirmary and Penrhiwtyn Infirmary, Neath, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The scheme of affiliation between the Huntingdon County Hospital and the Westminster Hospital, London, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme;

The scheme of affiliation between Huntingdon County Hospital, and Bolingbroke Hospital, London, be provisionally approved for a period of one year.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

Two cases of Registered Nurses reported by Police Authorities were taken *in camera*.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee, it was agreed that the approval of the Mental Hospital, Wells, as a Complete Training School for Mental Nurses, be withdrawn.

General Purposes.

The consideration of a request to the Minister of Health for an increase in staff was taken *in camera*.

Disciplinary Case.

The case of Miss Maria Sophia Keynes, S.R.N. 66860 (deferred from Council on September 25th, 1936) was taken *in camera*.

Particulars of this case appeared in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, October, 1936. The Council decided not to remove the name of Miss Maria Sophia Keynes, S.R.N. 66860.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, October 22nd.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REGISTRAR.

Dear Madam,

TEST EDUCATIONAL EXAMINATION.

I am writing to inform you that the first Test Educational Examination will be held on November 17th, 1937. As a misunderstanding appears to have arisen in some cases, owing to the use of the word "probably" in my letter of August 11th, it has been decided to extend the period for receiving entry forms until October 13th, 1937.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. DAVIES,
Registrar.

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