

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 February 26th. 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 sums of £9,000 for Examiners' Claims, £1,000 for accommodation for the Examinations, £100 for Postage Stamps, £30 for Insurance Stamps and £20 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

Correspondence with the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Council of Bombay was considered, and it was agreed:—

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for registration by reciprocity:—

1. Nurses trained for a period of not less than three years in a General Hospital in the Presidency of Bombay, excluding Sind, and registered by Examination on Part A of the Register of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Council of Bombay.

2. Nurses registered under Section 12 of the Act, *i.e.*, by virtue of having trained for not less than three years in a General Hospital approved by the Bombay Presidency Nursing Association, and having passed an examination conducted by that Association prior to the Act coming into force.

3. Nurses trained in England and Wales in a General Hospital approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and registered on the Register of the Nurses, Midwives, and Health Visitors Council of Bombay, on the understanding that nurses registered by Examination, or as 'Intermediate' Nurses on the General Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be accepted for registration by the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Council of Bombay, and further that applications from 'Existing' Nurses will be considered on their respective merits.

Note.—A General Hospital is defined as one which admits Men, Women and Children, and gives instruction in the four main Services—Medical, Surgical, Gynæcological and Children's diseases.

Such General training may be taken in one General Hospital recognised as a Complete Training School, or in recognised Affiliated or Associated Hospitals which together give instruction on the above-named Services."

Applications for approval for Registration on February 26th, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 17; Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Defectives, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination 22, by reciprocity 1. Total 41.

It was agreed that 205 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:—

Thurrock Isolation Hospital, Grays, Essex, be provisionally approved for a period of one year, as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses;

The scheme of affiliation between the Saffron Walden Hospital and the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, in place of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, which has been cancelled, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

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

The provisional approval of Grantham Hospital, the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, London, in affiliation with the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; the County Hospital, Chatham, in association with the County Hospital, Dartford, and the County Hospital, Farnborough, be continued for a further year;

As from March 16th the scheme of affiliation between the East Preston Infirmary, Littlehampton, and Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, and the scheme of affiliation between St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, and Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of Nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme.

It was agreed that the Education and Examination Committee be empowered to call a conference with the General Nursing Council for Scotland and the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland on matters concerning the qualifications of lecturers, and the Scottish Departmental Committee, probably to take place some time during May. It was also agreed subject to the consent of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, that the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State be also invited.

It was agreed that Miss Musson, *ex officio*, Miss Darbyshire, *ex officio*, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Gwatkin and Miss Gullan be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of the State Examinations.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee, it was agreed that Little Plumstead Colony, Little Plumstead, Norwich, be provisionally approved as a complete Training School for Male and Female Nurses for Mental Defectives for a period of one year.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

On the recommendation of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee it was agreed that the instruction of the Council's Solicitor to take the necessary action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against two nurses who have falsely represented themselves to be State Registered Nurses, be approved.

House Committee.

On the recommendation of the House Committee it was agreed to accept the estimate of Messrs. Hampton and Sons, Ltd., of £85 10s., for the removal of the Council's effects to the new premises, also the estimates of Messrs. Frederick Tibbenham, Ltd., of £3,863 for furniture, and Messrs. Sidney Loughton, soft furnishings, £2,650.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, March 19th.

Standing Committees.

The following members of the Council have been elected Chairmen of Standing Committees:—

Finance.—Mr. Harper.

Registration.—Miss Sparshott.

Education and Examination.—Dame Alicia Lloyd Still.

Disciplinary and Penal.—Miss Villiers.

Mental Nursing.—Mr. Buckley.

General Purposes.—Miss Cox-Davies.

Uniform.—Miss Innes.

Disciplinary Case.

The following information has been supplied by Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar.

That the General Nursing Council at their meeting on February 26th, passed the following Resolution:

"That in the case of Miss Kathleen Jannette Lewis, S.R.N. 37934, judgment in whose case was deferred for a year on February 28th, 1936, her name be not removed from the Register."

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