

Nurse Representatives.

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Miss D. A. Lane, Matron, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Matron, Guy's Hospital, London.

Miss M. E. G. Milne, Lady Superintendent, General Infirmary, Leeds.

Miss E. C. Pearce, Sister Tutor, Middlesex Hospital, London.

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AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.

Miss A. Burgess, A.R.R.C., Matron, Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester.

Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Vice-Chairman.

Miss G. M. Bowes, Matron, Birmingham Hospitals Centre, Birmingham.

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NOTIFICATION TO THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON NURSING SERVICES.

Miss MacManus then suggested the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services be notified that the General Nursing Council were in favour of the split Preliminary Examination; the Chairman said this would be done.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, April 22nd.

REMARKS.

The voting for and against the Resolution was by show of hands, but upon enquiry, so that no error should be reported, we were informed the names had not been taken down. As this Resolution was of imperative importance to the Nursing Profession and the Meeting was open to the press, we are of opinion that a correct list should be available by the press. Having made outside enquiries we hope our list is correct. Otherwise blame the G.N.C.!

Lay Control of the Nursing Profession.

The voting proves that the nine nominated members lay and medical persons, all voted for the Resolution, and supported by six elected Registered members forced their will upon the Nursing Profession concerning an educational question on which there is very strong and well-known difference of opinion.

It is to be hoped before this principle of lay control goes further, those nurses who object to it will take means to oppose domination upon the part of the laity.

The "Split Preliminary" and the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services.

In suggesting that the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services should be notified "that the General Nursing Council were in favour of the split Preliminary Examination," which was agreed, we hope the Committee will be informed that the Resolution was carried by a lay vote, and that the Registered Nurses' electorate were given no opportunity of expressing an opinion.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on 25th March, 1938. The Chairman, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., presided. Apologies for absence were intimated from Miss Jack and Miss Milnes.

Education and Examination Committee.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, Supervisors were appointed for the Examinations to be held in May 1938.

Recognition of Hospital.

Approval was given to the following scheme of affiliation: (1) That Mearns Kirk Hospital, Newton Mearns, be affiliated with Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow; Western District Hospital, Glasgow; Southern General Hospital, Glasgow; for the General Part of the Register.

(2) That Mearns Kirk Hospital, Newton Mearns, be affiliated with Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow; Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow; Knightswood Hospital, Glasgow; Shieldhall Hospital, Glasgow, for the Fever Part of the Register.

Registration.

Applications for registration were: by Examination 4; by Reciprocity with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales 2; applications for re-inclusion of 15 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee. All these were approved.

The names of the nurses who had passed the Council's recent Final Examination and had attained the age of 21 were authorised to be placed on the Register.

Finance Committee.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, including those incurred at the February Examinations.

The following Resolution was passed:—

"That nurses resident abroad who find it difficult to pay the Retention Fee yearly may pay the Fees in advance for a period not exceeding five years, on the distinct understanding that neither the Fee or any proportion of it will at any time be refunded and that the payment of the Fee in advance does not absolve the Nurse from the necessity of sending her address yearly to the Council."

New Equipment and Furnishings.

Estimates for new equipment and furnishings were submitted and approved.

Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Friday, 22nd April.

PHYSICAL TRAINING IN PRISON.

Mr. Harold Scott, chairman of the Prison Commissioners, speaking at Manchester, said that while there was much talk of physical fitness it was necessary that something should be done about physical training inside prisons. If physical exercise was to be beneficial it must be not merely physical but must have some mental element attached to it. The time was long overdue for a scheme of prison reconstruction. It had been held up in the past for financial reasons, and it was not easy now for the same reason. A great deal, however, could be done inexpensively by the creation of simple forms of prisons for certain types of offenders.

Infectious diseases cover so wide a field of medical nursing that a nurse cannot be said to be fully qualified without having had experience in this important branch of work.

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