

ships for both day and evening courses; my Council was of opinion that the ratepayer had here a legitimate grievance.

At present the Nursing Profession bears the entire expense incurred by its Governing Body in the administration of the Nurses' Registration Act. It is entirely indefensible that ratepayers should be required to contribute one penny to finance, for two years, girls who, for various reasons may never enter the Nursing Profession.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

ALICE STEWART BRYSON,

Secretary, British College of Nurses.

It was reported that a nurse who had falsely represented herself to be a Registered Nurse, and who had stolen a Badge, was bound over at Hendon Petty Sessions, in the Probation of Offenders' Act. The Badge had since been returned to the Committee.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £10,500 for Examiners' claims and expenses; £1,000 for Examination accommodation; £150 for postage stamps; £25 for Insurance stamps; and £15 for petty cash, were allowed.

A letter from the Council's Solicitor in reference to the claim made by the owners of 21, Portland Place, in respect of damage to their premises, stated to have been caused by the rebuilding of 23, Portland Place, was considered, and it was agreed that the matter be placed before an arbitrator.

Registration.

Applications for approval for registration on May 27th were: General Register by reciprocity, 34; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses by Examination, 8; by reciprocity, 1. Total 45.

It was agreed that 36 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 association between Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, and Withington Hospital, Manchester, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The additional scheme of affiliation between the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, Dorset, and the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, be provisionally approved for a period of one year.

The scheme of affiliation of Bishop's Stortford Hospital with the Royal Free Hospital, London, be now fully approved;

The provisional approval of Chester-le-Street Isolation Hospital, and the provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation of Sully Hospital, Cardiff with Llandough Hospital, Cardiff, be extended for a further period of two years;

The provisional approval of the following schemes of affiliation be extended for a further period of one year:

Abergele Sanatorium, in affiliation with Crumpsall Hospital and Withington Hospital, Manchester; Bexhill Hospital, in affiliation with Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; Erith, Crayford, Belvedere and Abbey Wood Hospital, in affiliation with Gravesend and North Kent Hospital; Ipswich Borough General Hospital, in affiliation with Withington Hospital and Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, and East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford, in affiliation with Kingston County Hospital, Birkenhead Municipal Hospital, Crumpsall Hospital and Withington Hospital, Manchester, and

St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; West Cornwall Miners and Women's Hospital, Redruth, in affiliation with Bridgwater Hospital;

The scheme of affiliation between the Farnham Infirmary and the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee, it was agreed that:

The approval of Camberwell House, London, and the Leicestershire and Rutland Mental Hospital, Harborough, as complete Training Schools for Mental Nurses, be withdrawn;

The approval of the South Side Home, Streatham Common, as a complete Training School for Nurses for Mental Defectives be withdrawn.

Disciplinary Cases.

Mr. Hewitt Pitt, Solicitor to the Council, placed the following case before them.

On February 3rd, 1938, Miss Gwladys Bucknell, S.R.N. 91028, pleaded guilty at Ampthill, to stealing one pair of shoes from a store at the same time as purchasing another pair, when she was ordered to pay £1 5s. 6d. costs and placed on probation for a period of twelve months.

Miss Bucknell appeared before the Council accompanied by Solicitor and Probation Officer, who proved her excellent character before this occasion.

The Council considered the case *in camera* and agreed to postpone judgment for a period of twelve months.

The case of Miss Ida Melville, R.F.N. 1313 (deferred from Council on May 28th, 1937) was considered *in camera*, and it was agreed that her name be not removed from the Register of Nurses.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting was fixed for Friday, June 24th.

REMARKS.

THE HEEL OF ACHILLES.

It will be observed that the letter addressed to the General Nursing Council, our Governing Body, by the British College of Nurses, was placed on the Agenda, but that the Council with its usual high-handed policy, merely agreed that "its receipt be noted" and left it at that. The courtesy of discussion was thus refused. Just one degree less insulting than "laying it on the table," which practically results in pitching it into the waste paper basket unread! That the Council of the British College of Nurses was apparently the only representative body of Registered Nurses to protest against the deprivation of professional power and responsibility by the vote of the nominated members of the Council, in opposition to that of the majority of the Nurses' elected representatives, is greatly to be deplored. Naturally this lack of action encourages our dictators to treat professional opinion on the Council with contempt, and just so long as Registered Nurses fail to realise their professional duty in this connection, there is little hope of redress.

Grace d Dieu there is always the heel of Achilles!

"We are the Pilgrims,

Master; we shall go. Always a little further."

Flecker.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The Registrar notifies that the new address of the General Nursing Council for Scotland is 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh,

The printed Register of Nurses issued by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, is already proving its value.

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