

## 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, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on September 30th. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman reported that the operation upon the eye of Miss R. A. Cox-Davies had been successful, and it was agreed that a message be sent her from the Council.

### Correspondence.

A message from Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught was read to the Council in reply to letter of sympathy sent on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the Dowager Marchioness of Reading agreeing with the decision of the Council to withdraw representation from the Women's Voluntary Services Committee, but hoping that the advice of the General Nursing Council would be available if called upon.

Several cases were reported in which women had falsely represented themselves to be State Registered Nurses, and where possible action had been taken.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £400 for postage stamps, £40 for Insurance stamps, and £20 for petty cash were allowed.

### Registration.

It was reported that a copy of the Register of Nurses had been received from the Central Nurses and Midwives Council, Burma.

Applications for approval for registration on September 30th were: General Register, by reciprocity, 64; Supplementary part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 3, for Fever Nurses, by examination, 28, by reciprocity, 2. Total 98.

It was agreed that 89 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 affiliation between the Mildmay Memorial Hospital, and the Metropolitan Hospital, London, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The scheme of association between the County Hospital, Chatham, and the County Hospital, Dartford, and the County Hospital, Farnborough, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme;

The County Hospital, Chatham, be provisionally approved as a complete Training School for Nurses, for a period of one year;

The provisional approval of schemes of affiliation between King George Sanatorium for Sailors, Liphook, and the Portsmouth Royal Hospital; and between Bridgend Infirmary and Penrhwtyn Infirmary, be extended for a further year;

The schemes of affiliation between Huntingdon County Hospital and Bolingbroke Hospital, London, and between Newton Abbot Hospital and Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, be extended for a further year;

The Newcastle General Hospital be now approved as a complete training school for male nurses;

The approval of the High Teams Hospital, Gateshead, as a complete training school for nurses be withdrawn;

A scheme of association between the High Teams Hospital, Gateshead, and the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, be provisionally approved for a period of one year.

It was agreed that the recommendation passed by Council on January 24th, 1936, concerning fee paid to visitors to Hospitals, as follows:

"That the fees payable for such assistance be at the rate of £3 3s. per visit, plus usual allowance for travelling and subsistence" be amended by the substitution of the figure £2 2s for £3 3s.

### General Purposes.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was agreed that an Electric Gestetner Duplicating Machine at a cost of £76 10s., and two Manuscript Registers at a cost of £11 10s. be purchased.

The Council then considered *in camera* the recommendation of the Finance Committee in regard to change in certain of the Council's Investments. Also the case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Police Authorities.

The Draft Memorandum dealing with matters relating to the registration of nurses for Mental Diseases for submission to the Sub-Committee on Mental Nursing of the Inter-Departmental Committee, was considered *in camera*.

The following members were appointed to give evidence: Miss Cox-Davies, Vice-chairman; Mr. Buckley, Chairman of Mental Nursing Committee; Miss Willis and the Registrar.

### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting was fixed for Friday, October 28th.

### Disciplinary Case.

The following letter has subsequently been received:—

The General Nursing Council for  
England and Wales,  
23, Portland Place,  
London, W.1.

DEAR MADAM,—I am directed to inform you that at the meeting of Council on September 30th the following resolution was passed:—

"That the Council do direct the Registrar to remove from the Register of Nurses the name of Margaret Kirkpatrick, S.R.N. 87946."

The charges against Miss Kirkpatrick were as follows:—

1. "At the Central Criminal Court in the Old Bailey on the 21st day of June, 1938, Margaret Kirkpatrick was in due form of law convicted on indictment for that she being servant to Laura Frances Scott stole from her a ring and £23 and that the said Margaret Kirkpatrick was ordered to be imprisoned twelve months."

2. "At the Central Criminal Court in the Old Bailey on the 12th day of July, 1938, Margaret Kirkpatrick was in due form of law convicted on indictment for that she unlawfully administered to and caused to be taken by Alice Muriel Myers a stupefying drug with intent to enable herself to steal £14 10s. 0d. from her, and that the said Margaret Kirkpatrick was ordered to be kept in penal servitude three years."

Yours faithfully,  
G. E. DAVIES, Registrar.

### DEMOLITION OF No. 20, PORTLAND PLACE.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales has wisely erected its own fine Headquarters at 23, Portland Place, so that it can dig itself in, as it were, for a century.

Opposite, its old quarters were acquired by the B.B.C. and have now been razed to the ground with surrounding property. Alas! how sad to note the disappearance of these fine Regency houses, and soon there will be nothing worth the crashing of an enemy's bombs.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)