

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 March 24th. Dame Ellen M. Musson, D.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 £100 for postage stamps, £40 for insurance stamps and £15 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration.

It was reported that the following successful candidates at the February Examinations have been approved for Registration:—

General Register	1,517
Supplementary Part of the Register for—	
Male Nurses	21
Mental Nurses	41
Nurses for Mental Defectives	8
Sick Children's Nurses	71
Fever Nurses	216
Total	1,874

Applications for approval for Registration on March 24th were:—General Register by reciprocity, 23; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 17, by reciprocity, 1. Total 43.

It was agreed that 157 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 provisional approval of Redhill County Hospital, Redhill, Surrey, be extended for a further period of one year;

The provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between Bridgend Infirmary and Llwynypia Hospital, be extended for a further period of one year;

The approval of St. Mary's Hospital, Armley, as a complete training school be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto;

The scheme of affiliation between Maidenhead Hospital and the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme;

The Maidenhead Hospital be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Nurses for a period of one year.

General Purposes.

It was reported that the Committee received, with great regret, the resignation of Miss Bowie, Registrar's Secretary, after a period of 17 years.

The Council went *in camera* to consider the financial position of the Council; the letter from the Minister of Health in regard to the draft Rule for the division of the Preliminary State Examination; and the Report of the Education and Examination Committee in connection with the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, April 28th.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

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The results of the recent State Examinations are as under:—

Preliminary State Examination, February, 1939.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
First entries	2,289	149	2,140	1,456	684	31.9%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	612	52	560	242	318	56.8%
" Part exam.	285	23	262	151	111	42.4%
" Total	3,186	224	2,962	1,849	1,113	

Final State Examination, February, 1939.

Register.	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
General—						
First entries	1,575	58	1,517	1,220	297	19.6%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	196	9	187	78	109	58.3%
" Part exam.	367	19	348	219	120	37%
" Total	2,138	80	2,052	1,517	535	
Male—						
First entries	25	2	23	20	3	13%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Part exam.	2	—	2	1	1	50%
" Total	27	2	25	21	4	
Mental—						
First entries	33	1	32	27	5	15.6%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	10	1	9	6	3	33.3%
" Part exam.	13	2	11	8	3	27.3%
" Total	56	4	52	41	11	
Mental Defect—						
First entries	9	1	8	7	1	12.5%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	1	—	1	1	—	—
" Part exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Total	10	1	9	8	1	
Sick Children—						
First entries	88	2	86	63	23	26.7%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	6	—	6	3	3	50%
" Part exam.	10	2	8	5	3	37.5%
" Total	104	4	100	71	29	
Fever—						
First entries	272	22	250	218	32	12.8%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	22	1	21	16	5	23.8%
" Part exam.	31	1	30	27	3	10%
" Total	325	24	301	261	40	

APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTERED NURSES.

QUESTIONNAIRE ISSUED WITH 81,753 RETENTION FEE FORMS IN AUGUST, 1938.

ANALYSIS OF 78,927 RETURNS.

Hospital Appointments...	26,956
In further training	912
Private Nursing (including Visiting Nursing)	15,222
District Nursing	5,123
Public Health Nursing (including School and Industrial Nursing)	5,555
Midwifery and Maternity Nursing	1,446
Massage	259
X-ray work, Electro-therapy, etc.	246
Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service	57
Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service	323
Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service	105
Prison Nursing Service	59
Ministry of Pensions Service	62
Overseas Nursing (in Government Hospitals and otherwise)	1,445
Dispensary Nurses	50
Ships Nurses	63
Chiropody	76
Missionary Work (Medical)	355
In Religious Communities	117
In Children's Homes and Convalescent Homes	421
School Matrons	478
In Nursery Training Colleges and Children's Nurses...	68
Institutional work (in Almshouses, Workhouses, etc.)	392
Serving in British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Association	232
Coaching and Teaching (not in Hospitals)	81
In Shops (Chemists, etc.)	78
Nurse-Secretary-Receptionists...	136

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