

(ii) Holds the School Certificate of one of the following bodies :—

The Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board.

The Oxford Delegacy for Local Examinations,
The Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate,
The University of London,
The Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board,

The University of Durham,
The University of Bristol,
The Central Welsh Board ; or

(iii) Has passed some other examination to be approved by the Council from time to time ; or

(iv) Has undergone either the whole-time or part-time course of instruction referred to in sub-paragraph (i) of the next succeeding paragraph for entrance to Part I of the Preliminary Examination as recommended by the Board of Education and approved by the General Nursing Council.

(b) A candidate may enter for Part I of the Preliminary Examination :

(i) On producing satisfactory evidence that before entrance to a Training School she has undergone a course of instruction recommended by the Board of Education and approved by the General Nursing Council, which shall include the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, such Course to be a whole-time course of not less than one school year, or a part-time course of not less than two sessions, each being of at least two terms' duration : or

(ii) On completion of not less than six months' training in an approved training school.

(c) The minimum age of entry to Part I of the Preliminary Examination, if taken before entry to a training school, shall be seventeen and a half years ; not more than two years may elapse between passing Part I of the Preliminary Examination and entry to a training school, except at the discretion of the Council.

(d) No person shall be entitled to enter for Part II of the Preliminary Examination unless :

(i) She has either already passed Part I of the Preliminary Examination, or enters for Part I of the Preliminary Examination at the same time that she enters for Part II and :

(ii) She has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, Medical Superintendent, or other responsible officer of the Institution or Institutions in which her training or instruction was given and carried out, that she has completed one year of training, and that she has attended a course of lectures in the subjects prescribed for the Preliminary Examination in the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination, and has undergone practical instruction in the wards in the subjects therein prescribed for that Examination.

THE STATUS OF ASSISTANT NURSES.

SECTION VI.—THE STATUS OF ASSISTANT NURSES.

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.
10th May, 1939.

MADAM,

I am directed by the Minister of Health to invite the observations of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on the matters raised in Section VI of the report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services in regard to the status of the Assistant Nurse. The Committee makes recommendations for the establishment by the General Nursing Council, under certain conditions and safeguards, of a Roll of Assistant Nurses.

With a view to consideration of the Committee's recommendations, he would be grateful, therefore, if he could receive, as soon as can conveniently be arranged, the views of the General Nursing Council on this part of the Committee's report. A similar request has been sent to the County Councils' Association, the Association of Municipal Corporations, the Urban District Councils' Association, the Rural District Councils' Association, the College of Nursing, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, the British Hospitals Association, the Association of Hospital Matrons, the Voluntary Hospitals Committee (County of London).

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,
J. E. PATER.

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

16th May, 1939.

SIR,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of 10th May regarding the proposals raised in Section VI of the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services concerning the enrolment of Assistant Nurses and the suggestion that the keeping of such a Roll be undertaken by the General Nursing Council.

I am directed to state that this matter has already been considered by the General Nursing Council arising out of a report on the recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Committee laid before Council by a Standing Committee. The proposal that such a Roll be established in the manner suggested was noted and approved by the Council, but only on conditions that the legislation envisaged in paragraph 165 of the Report and in paragraphs 41 and 42 of the Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations be implemented before the Roll is established.

The Council also agreed with the reservations of the nurse members of the Inter-Departmental Committee as to the official title of persons entered on the Roll.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
G. E. DAVIES,
Registrar,

The Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

[Note the General Nursing Council for England and Wales approves the establishment of a Roll of Assistant Nurses compiled by the governing body of the State Registered Nurses, and presumably at the Headquarters for which the Registered Nurses have paid.—Editor.]

The following letter was read :—

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON NURSING SERVICES.

THE MENTAL NURSING SUB-COMMITTEE.
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

17th May, 1939.

DEAR DAME ELLEN,

I am writing to you in my capacity of Chairman of the Mental Nursing Sub-Committee of the Athlone Committee, and I wish to put before you, as Chairman of the General Nursing Council, the position which we have reached in considering the very difficult question of the status of those nurses, male and female, who are engaged in mental nursing.

The evidence placed before the Committee has convinced them that the situation with regard to the registration of mental nurses and the manner in which they may obtain their qualifications as trained mental nurses is

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