

one which should no longer be allowed to continue and at their meeting yesterday the following resolution was passed :—

"It is essential, in the opinion of the Committee, that there should be a separate Register for Mental Nurses, as distinct from a supplementary Register."

It will be evident to you that the question of the conditions upon which mental nurses should be admitted to such a Register at once arises, and, in consequence, we are confronted with the unfortunate conflict between the examination system conducted by the General Nursing Council and the examination system of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

On this matter the view of the Committee was that a further attempt should be made by the General Nursing Council and the Royal Medico-Psychological Association to reach agreement on a system involving a common examination followed by registration, but that, if agreement were not reached, the question of recommending the establishment of a separate Statutory Body to register all mental nurses, male and female, would have to be considered.

Before, however, proceeding to frame recommendations on these lines, the Committee felt that it might be helpful if the General Nursing Council and the Royal Medico-Psychological Association would agree to send representatives to a conference to discuss the situation in the light of existing circumstances. If this suggestion commends itself to you I should be only too happy to offer my services as an independent Chairman of the conference.

You will appreciate that the matter is one of some urgency and I should be glad if the conference could take place before the 17th June at the latest.

I am sending a letter in similar terms to Dr. Masefield, of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR J. HALL.

Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D.,  
Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Council be summoned on June 9th to consider fully this matter, when a deputation of members most likely to be of use could be formed.

#### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £9,700 for Examiners' Claims and Expenses, £1,000 for accommodation for Examinations, £370 for Test Examiners' Claims, £100 for Postage Stamps, £35 for Insurance Stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash, were allowed.

Estimates amounting to £411 1s. for printing and stationery and of £84 for Addressograph plates, were accepted.

It was reported by Miss E. R. Gwatkin, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that in the estimated expenditure for the period to June 30th there would be a temporary deficit of about £5,000 or £6,000. To prevent the Council from selling out stock to that amount, the Governors of the Midland Bank, Ltd., had offered to make an advance to that value, in return for which they would hold stock to cover the amount.

It was agreed that the Midland Bank, Ltd., be thanked for their action.

#### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on May 26th were: General Register, by reciprocity, 24; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 16; by reciprocity, 3. Total 47.

#### Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that :—

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham, be provisionally approved as a complete training school for nurses;

The provisional approval of the Borough Sanatorium, Southend-on-Sea, as a complete training school for Fever nurses, be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of West Glamorgan County Hospital (late Penrhiwtyn Infirmary), and of the Sutton and Cheam Hospital, as complete training schools for General nurses, be extended for a further period of one year;

The provisional approval of the schemes of affiliation between Moorland Infirmary, Rawtenstall, and the Park Hospital, Davyhulme, and between the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, and the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, be extended for a further period of one year;

The cancellation of the scheme of affiliation between Haywards Heath Hospital and the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, be rescinded.

#### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's Solicitor has been instructed to take the necessary action under Section (8) (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against four persons who have falsely represented themselves to be registered nurses; this action was approved.

#### Motion.

Miss E. R. Gwatkin moved "That in the event of National Emergency the Chairman of the Council and/or the Vice-Chairman and/or Chairman of any Standing Committee be authorised to act for the Council and to take such steps as may appear necessary to carry on the work of the Council."

This motion was seconded by Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, and agreed.

The Council went *in camera* to consider arrangements for the continuation of training and examination of nurses in the event of National Emergency, as recommended by the Education and Examination Committee; the arrangements in the event of National Emergency, as recommended by the General Purposes Committee; and to consider the case of Gwladys Bucknell, S.R.N., 91028, deferred from Council, May 27th, 1938.

The Council agreed that the case concerning Miss Bucknell be dismissed with a caution.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Friday, June 23rd.

#### LEGACIES TO NURSES

Sir Edmund Davis of Chilham Castle, Kent, left a cottage on the Chilham estate to the use of his wife's nurse, C. J. Faulder, and her mother and the survivor for life, and an annuity of £100 to C. J. Faulder for life.

Mr. T. R. Hughes of Conway left £100 to Nurse Hughes. Mr. Alfred Sarfas, of Halesworth Road, Reydon, Suffolk, left £600, £2,000 for the purchase of an annuity and £4,500 for investment in British Government Stocks, to Miss Louisa Robinson, who had nursed him for about twenty years.

Miss Emily Scurlock, of Southsea, left £30,641. She gave £100 to her nurse, Lucy M. Parkes, "for her devoted and loving care of me," and £5,000 on trust for her for life.

Lord North, of Kirtling Tower, Newmarket, who died on December 10th, aged 78 years, has left £1,000 to his nurse, Miss Nancy Colbourn, "in recognition of her unfailing attention and care to me at all times." The rest of his £59,477 estate goes to his widow.

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