

The Minutes were read by Miss C. C. du Sautoy, the Hon. Secretary, and were approved and signed.

Business Arising out of the Minutes.

Arising out of the Minutes, disappointment was expressed that the General Nursing Council had merely acknowledged the letter sent by the Council after its last Meeting expressing its disapproval of the elimination of the one portal to the Register and its substitution of the split preliminary examination for Nurses.

The Test Education Examination.

The Chairman invited an expression of opinion on the question of the Test Education Examination set up by the General Nursing Council, upon which followed a very interesting discussion. The majority of the Matrons present, whilst approving a high standard of general education for trainees, hesitated to discourage the type of girl of warm good will and practical ability from entering the training schools. They all appreciated the services of the type of probationer who were inspired with a love of nursing, but who might fail in a test examination, and thus good material might be lost to the training school without special practical instruction.

Resolution.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—
"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales be requested to issue at the end of twelve months' test of the Test Examination the number of candidates who had entered for the Examination, together with a list of the number of failures and referred candidates."

It was agreed that a copy of this resolution be sent to the General Nursing Council.

The President was asked to arrange for a friendly Conference between the Council and the other bodies interested in this matter. This she consented to do.

The President entertained the members present to tea with her usual affability and many old friendships were renewed.

THE SOCIETY OF REGISTERED MALE NURSES.

It was at the Annual Meeting, November 1936, of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain that a resolution was approved admitting Registered Male Nurses to membership of the Council when organised.

We therefore heartily congratulate the group of Male Nurses who have organised a Society under the title of "The Society of Registered Male Nurses," as thus the initiative has been taken to claim legal status for Male Nurses, so many of whom have been excluded from this privilege by the continuance of the examination and certification of Male Mental Nurses by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

We learn that the Society of Registered Male Nurses is to hold its first Annual General Meeting at the College of Nursing on January 18th, at 7.30 p.m., and that on January 20th, the first social function in the form of a dance at the Cowdray Hall will take place, for which tickets price 2s. 6d. can be obtained from the officers and members of the Society. These activities are to be thoroughly commended, and we hope that the next step forward will be the application for affiliation with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. We feel sure the Male Nurses will receive a hearty welcome as their services are being rendered increasingly valuable by sound training in several general hospitals.

The Earl of Harewood has accepted the office of President of the Health Congress to be held at Scarborough this year from July 3rd to 8th by the Royal Sanitary Institute.

The Congress will be divided into sections dealing with: Preventive Medicine; Engineering, Architecture and Town Planning; Maternity, Child Welfare and School Hygiene; Veterinary Hygiene; National Health Insurance; Hygiene in Industry; Tropical Hygiene.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on Friday, December 16th.

The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.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 £150 for postage stamps, £40 for insurance stamps and £15 for petty cash were allowed.

It was agreed to accept the estimate of Butler & Tanner, Ltd., of £2,699 10s. 0d. for 250 copies of the Register of Nurses for 1939.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on December 16th, were: General Register, by reciprocity, 25; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination 12, by reciprocity 3; total 41.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 41 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:—

Whiston County Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a complete training school for Male Nurses;

The provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between Jericho Hospital, Bury, and the Park Hospital, Flixton, and between the Orthopædic Hospital, Hartshill and the London Road Hospital, Newcastle, Staffs., be extended for a further period of two years;

The scheme of affiliation between the Haslemere and District Hospital and the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, be provisionally approved for a period of two years;

The scheme of affiliation between the Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Market Drayton, and the Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

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

The case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Police Authorities was discussed *in camera*.

Mental Nursing.

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

The provisional approval of Runwell Hospital, near Wickford, and Wilts County Mental Hospital, Devizes, be extended for a period of one year as training schools for nurses for mental diseases;

The provisional approval of Cranage Hall, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, be extended for a further period of one year, as a training school for nurses for mental defectives.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, January 27th, 1939.

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