

It was proposed by Miss Helen Dey and agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Association of Male Nurses for their letter.

The Chairman said that it was not possible to discuss further these matters now, but a note would be taken of the contents.

When dealing with bodies whose work was confidential, it was not possible to discuss their business in public.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £150 for Postage Stamps, £45 for Insurance Stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

It was reported that a copy of the Register of Nurses has been received from the Nurses' and Masseurs' Registration Board of Queensland.

Applications for approval for Registration on June 23rd., were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 38; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 11, by reciprocity, 2. Total 52.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 47 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

The Chairman reported that 2,172 candidates had passed the Preliminary Examination; and 1,855 General Nurses, 20 Male Nurses, 82 Mental Nurses, 10 Nurses for Mental Defectives, 73 Sick Children's Nurses and 242 Fever Nurses had passed the Final Examination.

Education and Examination.

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

County Infirmary, Louth, be provisionally approved as a complete training school for a period of one year;

The schemes of affiliation between Birmingham Women's Hospital and the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton; and between the Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases and St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The provisional approval of the schemes of affiliation between the Borough General Hospital, Ipswich, and Withington Hospital and Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, and East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital; between Bretby Hall Orthopaedic Hospital, Burton-on-Trent, and the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary and the Withington Hospital, Manchester; between the Ransom Sanatorium, Rainworth, and the Leicester City General Hospital and Withington Hospital, Manchester; between the Erith, Crayford, Belvedere and Abbey Wood Hospital, and the Gravesend and North Kent Hospital; and between the Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, and the Withington Hospital, Manchester, all be extended for a further period of one year.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee, it was agreed that the approval of Peckham House, London, as a Training School for Mental Nurses, be withdrawn.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, July 28th.

The Council then went *in camera*.

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the Special Meeting, held on June 9th, to consider the letter addressed to the Chairman by Sir Arthur Hall, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Sub-Committee of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services:—

"That the Council maintain firmly the principle which

they had adopted that there should be no compromise in regard to any part of the Examinations."

This resolution was reaffirmed at the meeting of the Council held on June 23rd, 1939.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence has taken place between the British College of Nurses and the General Nursing Council:—

DEAR MADAM,—I am directed to inform you that your letter dated June 22nd was placed before the General Nursing Council at the meeting on the 23rd inst., and that the matters therein mentioned have been noted.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. DAVIES,

Registrar.

The Secretary,

The British College of Nurses,

19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

To Miss G. DAVIES, Registrar,

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

DEAR MADAM;

I beg to acknowledge your letter dated June 29th, acknowledging the receipt of the letter dated June 22nd addressed to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales by the British College of Nurses.

I note that the matter therein has been noted by the Council and anticipate that we shall receive a reply to our communication as soon as convenient.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

ALICE STEWART BRYSON,

Secretary.

The communication alluded to in the above letter requested the General Nursing Council to call a Conference of its electorate of Registered Nurses without delay, in order that they may express their views on their own professional affairs.

This, so far, has not been done.

REMARKS.

It will be observed that the Minister of Health has appointed Professor R. M. F. Picken, Welsh National School of Medicine, to the vacant seat on the G.N.C., owing to the death of Mrs. M. H. Kettle, M.R.C.S.

This gentleman is a member of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, and has already signed the Interim Report advocating the policy that the Roll of untrained and semi-trained nurses shall be compiled and controlled by the governing body of trained Registered Nurses. Thus his sympathy with the Ministerial policy is assured.

THE REGISTER OF NURSES.

The annual gift of the Register of Nurses is the most valued gift we ever receive, emphasising, as it does, the result of 30 years' struggle for the statutory organisation of the profession of nursing in England.

We take great pride in its production, and congratulate those who, by assiduous clerical application, contribute to its accurate publication.

The Register of Nurses should be much more easily available to the general public, who might then realise the true value of efficiently trained professional nurses.

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