

## 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 January 27th.

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Minutes having been confirmed, Dame Ellen M. Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., vacated the Chair, which was taken by Lady Limerick, nominee of the Privy Council. Lady Limerick announced that there was only one nomination, that of Miss Musson, nominated by 18 members of Council, so that no election would take place, and she had pleasure in welcoming Miss Musson to the Chair for a further term of office. Lady Limerick also took the opportunity of congratulating Miss Musson upon the honour of Dameship, recently bestowed upon her, on behalf of the Council; this was greeted with applause.

In reply Dame Ellen thanked the Council for their congratulations. It was an honour conferred upon the Profession; she also considered it an encouragement for the General Nursing Council in their work.

### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman announced that there had been two nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman, that of Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., nominated by five persons, and that of Miss Dorothy M. Smith, nominated by six persons. Miss Cox-Davies had addressed a letter to the Chair withdrawing her nomination, as she did not wish to oppose other members. The Council agreeing to the withdrawal, Miss D. M. Smith was elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Miss Smith returned thanks for her election.

### Correspondence.

A letter was reported from the Director, Nurse Registration Branch, Department of Health, Toronto, Ontario, dated December 17th, 1938, ratifying the Agreement for Reciprocal Registration passed by the General Nursing Council on July 22nd, 1938.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £120 for Postage Stamps, £30 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash were allowed.

### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on January 27 were: General Register, by reciprocity, 25; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 8, by reciprocity, 2. Total 36.

It was agreed that 43 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and who now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was agreed that the names of 2,447 nurses who have not paid their Retention Fee for 1939 be removed from the Register, in accordance with the Rules, Part II, Paragraph 5 (3). It was reported:—

NUMBER OF NURSES REGISTERED DURING YEAR 1938.			
	By Examina- tion.	By Reci- procity.	Total.
General Part of the Register	5,362	304	5,666
Supplementary Part of the Register for—			
Male Nurses	28	—	28
Mental Nurses	186	5	191
Nurses for Mental Defectives	11	—	11
Sick Children's Nurses	266	22	288
Fever Nurses	825	31	856
	6,678	362	7,040

TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSES REGISTERED FROM SEPTEMBER, 1921, TO DECEMBER, 1938.

General Part of the Register.			
Supplementary Part of the Register for—			
Male Nurses	435	201	636
Mental Nurses	8,559	1,554	10,113
Nurses for Mental Defectives.	442	64	506
Sick Children's Nurses.	3,852	2,738	6,590
Fever Nurses	10,309	7,898	18,207
	120,625	66,706	187,331

### Education and Examination.

The recommendations of the Education and Examination Committee were agreed.

### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's Solicitor had been instructed to take the necessary action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against a woman who has falsely represented herself to be a registered nurse. This action was approved.

Two cases of Registered Nurses reported by the Police authorities were reported *in camera*.

### Disciplinary Case.

Mr. Hewitt Pitt, Solicitor to the Council, placed the following case before them.

On November 1st, 1938, Miss Eileen McAloon, S.R.N., 71463, was found guilty at Widnes Police Court of larceny in connection with a gold watch valued at £2 2s. She was bound over in the Probation of Offenders' Act.

Miss McAloon was attached to the Widnes Queen's Nurses' Home, and explained that she picked up a watch to look at when the patient, a diabetic, came into the room. Being taken unawares, the nurse pushed the watch into her pocket, meaning to return the watch to its place later. She had no intention of stealing the watch.

The Council considered the case *in camera*, and agreed to postpone judgment for a period of one year, when Miss McAloon would be summoned to appear before the Council again, and give proof of her behaviour during that period.

### ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, 1939.

The only Committee for which a ballot was necessary was the Education and Examination Committee. The Examinations Officer and the Accountant were appointed scrutineers.

The result of the ballot was as follows:—

Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E.	21	votes.
Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C.	18	"
Miss E. C. Pearce	17	"
Miss E. R. Gwatkin, M.A.	16	"
Miss M. E. G. Milne	16	"
Miss Mary Jones, O.B.E., A.R.R.C.	13	"
Miss D. A. Lane	13	"
Miss Zoe L. Puxley, O.B.E.	12	"
Miss L. G. Duff Grant	11	"
Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C.	10	"
Dr. Geoffrey Evans, M.A.	10	"
Mrs. M. H. Kettle, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	10	"

*Finance Committee.*—Mr. Buckley, Miss Campbell, Dr. Collins, Miss Cox-Davies, Sir Henry Gooch, Miss Gwatkin, Miss Lane, Miss Willis.

*Registration Committee.*—Mr. Buckley, Miss Campbell, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Lane, Miss MacManus, Miss Milne, Miss Pearce, Miss Willis.

*Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.*—Mr. Buckley,

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