

Hospital as a complete training school for Fever Nurses be extended for a further period of one year;

The scheme of affiliation between Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford, and Kingston and District Hospital, be now fully approved.

It was agreed that the Hill End Hospital and Clinic, while in use as a Medical Emergency Hospital, be recognised as a complete General Training School for the training of Registered Mental Nurses employed at that hospital.

The Board of Education recommend the approval of the one year whole time Course of Instruction at Darlington High School for Girls, and King's Warren School, Plumstead, which were approved.

The Chairman reported that the Preliminary and Final Examinations had been held in April and May, under the greatest possible difficulties; thanks were expressed to persons who had come forward as Examiners, when the appointed Examiners had suddenly been called for national duty; to Hospital Matrons who at very short notice had arranged extra accommodation for candidates taking the examination, and to Miss Davies and the staff, who had worked much overtime in arranging for the examinations and overcoming great difficulties.

Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on July 26th.

REMARKS.

Ministry of Health no Power of Investigation into Financial Expenditure of the General Nursing Council.

In our last issue in reporting the business transacted at the meeting of the General Nursing Council, held on May 24th, "intimating that an officer would be sent from the Ministry to investigate the work of the Council and see if any further economy could be effected," it was agreed "that the Council's Solicitor be asked what power the Minister has to make such an investigation."

Although a copy of the correspondence was not handed to the Press, it was reported that the solicitor had replied that the Ministry had no right to send an officer to investigate the finances of the Council.

THE STATE EXAMINATION.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Final Examination, April-May, 1940.

Register.	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
General—						
First entries	3,024	83	2,941	2,353	588	19.89%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	195	7	188	130	58	30.8%
Part exam.	450	9	450	301	89	19.8%
Total	3,678	99	3,579	2,844	735	—
Male—						
First entries	21	3	18	16	2	11.1%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	21	3	18	16	2	—
Mental—						
First entries	89	1	88	54	34	38.6%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	4	1	3	—	3	100%
Part exam.	12	3	9	—	9	100%
Total	105	5	100	54	46	—
Mental Defect—						
First entries	6	1	5	4	1	20%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part exam.	2	—	2	—	2	100%
Total	8	1	7	4	3	—
Sick Children—						
First entries	124	7	117	85	32	27.4%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	9	—	9	3	6	66.7%
Part exam.	30	—	30	18	12	40%
Total	163	7	156	106	50	—
Fever—						
First entries	413	11	402	340	62	15.4%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	14	—	14	8	6	42.9%
Part exam.	14	—	14	9	5	35.7%
Total	441	11	430	357	73	—

THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL PLACE 10,000 BRITISH NURSES UNDER NATURALISED ALIEN CONTROL IN TIME OF WAR.

For upwards of half a century THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has, under professional control, carefully recorded the history of nursing organization, more especially the claim of nurses in this country, to the right of self-government, and nothing more tyrannous has ever been exposed than the attempt to suppress liberty of thought and action, than that to which nurses in their rise to professional status have been exposed. It has remained, however, for the London County Council, proudly calling itself the Parliament of London, to pierce the patriotism and prestige of its Nursing Service to the core.

The profession as a whole owes the Editor of THE PEOPLE sincere gratitude for having made public the fact that the London County Council recently placed a naturalised alien in charge of its Nursing Service during the War. Incredulous, we enquired personally at the County Hall if the statement were true, having been informed that it was, our remarks on this amazing indiscretion will be found on page 106 of the June issue of this journal.

As we reported, the recommendation to place a naturalised alien in charge of its Nursing Service during the War was made by the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee of the Council of which Dr. Somerville Hastings is Chairman. The Committee is composed of the following persons, amongst whom, of course, there is not one Registered Nurse!

MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Mr. C. J. Allpass, Mr. G. P. Blizzard, Mrs. E. E. Bull, Dr. S. Monckton Copeman, Mr. D. Frankel, Dr. Somerville Hastings, Dr. Bernard Homa, Dame Barrie Lambert, Mr. W. Lockyer, Mr. W. R. Owen, Miss E. Rickards, Miss A. Sayle, Mr. Lewis Silkin, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. H. Studholme, Miss J. Vickers, Mr. Garry Alligan, Dame Janet Campbell, Lady Deller, The Hon. Mrs. Evelyn Emmet, Mr. A. E. Middleton, Mrs. W. C. Northcott, and Mr. R. Willis.

Our remarks, of course, called forth a lively and indignant correspondence from doctors, nurses, and the general public. To the letter of Miss Emily E. MacManus, Matron of Guy's Hospital, together with our reply, we give pride of place, because, as she states, she sent a copy to Dr. Somerville Hastings, who, as a member of the Civil Defence and General Purposes Committee, evidently made use of it in the preparation of its Report to the London County Council at its Meeting on June 25th last, which condoned and approved the appointment and presumably the principle of naturalised control for its Nursing Staff.

LETTER FROM MISS MACMANUS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.
Matron's Office, Guy's Hospital,

London, S.E.1.
June 20th, 1940.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

I have been laid up with appendicitis, or I would have seen earlier certain articles written by you in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and other articles in *The People* and kindred newspapers, calling in question the integrity of Miss Rosalie Dreyer, Principal Matron-in-Charge of the L.C.C. Nursing Services, and stating that she is of German blood.

Before you wrote such an article as yours I could have wished that you—who know me so well—would have written to me to ask me the true facts concerning the race and breeding of a woman who trained in this great Nursing School, was an esteemed Sister here and ultimately became my Assistant Matron and frequently acted as Matron of Guy's Hospital in my absence.

Miss Dreyer is a true Swiss, born and bred. She has lived in England for 26 years and became a naturalised British subject

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