

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, July 5th, 1940. Sir John Lorne MacLeod occupied the chair.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Dr. Chalmers, Miss Kaye, Dr. Millar, Miss Milnes, Miss Niccol and Miss Brodie.

## Education, Examination and Registration.

## RESULTS OF MAY EXAMINATIONS.

<i>Preliminary Examination.</i>	<i>Entered.</i>	<i>Passed.</i>
Anatomy and Physiology ...	667	547
Hygiene and Dietetics ...	635	566
Nursing ...	528	503
<i>Final Examination.</i>		
General ...	296	277
Fever ...	150	129
Sick children ...	20	17
Mental ...	34	21
Mental defective ...	3	3

Reported that nine Nurses who had passed the Final Examination had now attained the age of 21 and had been registered since last meeting.

Reported 12 applications for re-inclusion in the Register after failure to pay the Retention Fee.

All these applications were approved.

Miss Elizabeth H. Sommerville, Western Infirmary, Glasgow, was appointed to the Panel of Examiners for the Preliminary Examination.

It was agreed that, owing to the shortage of Medical Examiners during the war period, the Oral Examinations in Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene and Dietetics be conducted by qualified or experienced Sister Tutors. The Council approved of a circular on "Pre-Nursing Courses in Secondary Schools, Continuation Classes and Central Institutions" which will shortly be issued by the Scottish Education Department.

## Finance.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved and the accounts including the Examiners' Fees and Expenses incurred at the May Examination were passed for payment.

## Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Friday, September 20th, 1940.

## REMARKS.

We hope the participation of Sister Tutors in Oral Examinations will become a permanent arrangement in the future. This will become the more necessary when pre-nursing courses in schools are substituted for clinical teaching in Nurse Training Schools.

## LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. William Henry Romaine-Walker, of Warrior Square, St. Leonards-on-Sea, left the income from £2,400, £100, and his personal effects to Nurse Barbara Howard Pink, and referred to her "wonderful care" of him.

Mr. Frederick James Kentish, of Waxwell Lane, Pinner, left £700 to Nurse Marjorie Thomson, "in appreciation of her years of faithful service."

Mr. Alfred James Harrison, of West Malvern, Worcs., left £100 to Nurse Pugh, and £50 to Nurse Innes.

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

## KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.

The Duke of Kent sent a message to the annual meeting of the Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London emphasising the financial needs of the hospitals in war-time.

The Duke of Kent wrote that the casualty service provided by the voluntary hospitals (beds, staff and equipment) was a very important part in the Emergency Hospital Scheme of the Ministry of Health. The service had already proved its value in the treatment of wounded soldiers from Flanders and France. They did not yet know what demands might be made on it for air raid casualties. The King's Fund had been helping the hospitals administratively with that war work, and the experience gained by the staff of their emergency bed service had been utilized by the Ministry of Health who needed a similar service for the casualty beds.

But the hospitals were also continuing to treat their ordinary patients and many beds closed last autumn had since been reopened. As the Government were paying only for the casualty beds it was most important that the hospitals should continue to receive an adequate income from subscriptions and donations. Their claim was all the greater because they had had to forego many of the normal methods of appeal and collection.

The total distributions during 1939 for hospitals, convalescent homes and district nursing work for out-patients together with the cost of special services for hospitals was £308,000, nearly £4,000 more than in 1938. Last December they made grants amounting to £229,000 out of their usual total of £300,000. They had now distributed the other £71,000. They had also made a number of special grants. Last year these reached a total of £73,500. The Nursing Recruitment Centre in London had now been opened. The extension of the working area of the King's Fund to include the whole of the Metropolitan Police District would bring in about 20 more hospitals. It would also simplify the question of the best way of fitting Greater London into the schemes for the co-ordination of hospital services on a regional basis.

The Distribution Committee had recently made a special grant of £5,000 to the Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital as a matter of urgency, to meet a war-time difficulty. As a result a fine new hospital at Banstead would be completed and would be made ready for the treatment of air-raid casualties.

His Majesty the King, patron of the Fund, has been graciously pleased to give an annual subscription of £1,000.

## CARE OF OFFICERS.

The War Office has entrusted to the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation the equipment of all convalescent hospitals for officers in Great Britain.

Dutton Homestall, East Grinstead, Sussex, has already been equipped through the generosity of Mrs. Dewar and the organisation has been asked to open five more hospitals.

Harewood House, Yorkshire, has been lent by the Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, who will continue to occupy part of the house. Apley Park, Shropshire, has been lent by Major Foster, and Middleton Park, Bicester, by the Earl of Jersey. Middleton Park will be run as an auxiliary to the St. Hugh Military Hospital, Oxford, which is specialising in head injuries.

Capt. Euan Wallace, M.P., has handed over Kildonan, Ross-shire, to the Red Cross.

It is well to know that these magnificent houses are being used for the care of our officers, a body of gallant men, who deserve the gratitude of the country they are risking their lives to protect.

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