

Disciplinary Cases.

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

Miss Edna Ruth Poole, S.R.N., 67433, was charged at the Birmingham City Police Court on July 30th, 1940, with stealing 100 tablets of morphia from the Aero factory, where she was engaged as nurse.

She pleaded overwork and an attack of influenza, and took the tablets for the purpose of committing suicide. After leaving the works, she put all the tablets down a drain in the road, and had taken none of them.

Miss Poole attended before the Council.

The Council considered the case *in camera*, and, although regarding the offence as a very serious matter, postponed judgment for a term of six months, Miss Poole to place herself under the care of a medical practitioner, and to send in a report at the end of that period.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Thompson, S.R.N., 50234, a member of the Private Nursing Staff of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, was charged at the South Western Police Court on August 16th, 1940, with obtaining heroin by forged prescriptions on 24 occasions, and discharged under the Probation of Offenders Act. The Matron at the Hospital, and the Superintendent of the Private Staff, the latter who attended with Miss Thompson, bore witness to her previous very good conduct and said they would have no hesitation in taking her back on to the staff.

The Council considered the case *in camera*, and while not minimising these crimes—forgery and taking drugs—both serious offences, had agreed to postpone judgment for a period of one year, Miss Thompson to remain under medical supervision and to keep the Registrar aware of her movements.

Miss Nancy Spencer, R.F.N. 9929, was charged at Uxbridge Petty Sessions with unlawfully obtaining £1 rs. from the post office. She was convicted, and bound over in the sum of £25 for 12 months, and fined £5 5s. costs.

The Council considered the case *in camera* and directed that the name of Miss Nancy Spencer be removed from the Register.

Application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

An application was considered from Miss Nathalie Pestereff for the restoration of her name to the Register, removed from the Register in February, 1939, for stealing goods to the value of 11s. 6d. from Messrs. Harrods store.

Letters were read notifying the Council of the good conduct of Miss Pestereff before and since that time, and after considering the case *in camera* the Council agreed to re-include her name in the Register.

Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on November 22nd, at the advanced time of 2 p.m.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, October 25th, 1940.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the chair.

Reciprocity with Bengal.

There was submitted a letter from the Bengal Nursing Council ratifying the terms of the agreement as agreed to by the two bodies. Resolved that the agreement be now confirmed and put into force.

Education, Examination and Registration.

Application for appointment to the Council's Panel of Examiners were received from the following:—

- (a) Miss Margaret Barr Muir, Glasgow.
- (b) Dr. P. J. Molloy, Glasgow.

Ross and Cromarty County Hospital, Strathpeffer, was approved as a hospital for the purpose of training of Nurses for the Fever Part of the Register.

Reported 17 Nurses who had passed the Final Examination had now attained the age of 21 and had been registered since last meeting.

Reported 14 applications for re-inclusion in the Register after failure to pay the retention fee.

Authority was given to issue a duplicate Certificate of Registration.

Finance.

The Report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved and the Accounts passed for payment.

Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Friday, November 22nd, 1940.

SCOTTISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Scottish Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, Miss Brodie, President, in the chair. Eighty members attended, and discussion took place on subjects of interest to the nursing profession. At the close of the meeting tea was served in the nurses' dining-room, when the Medical Superintendent, in the name of the Directors, welcomed the guests. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to visit the various parts of the hospital, and the beautiful church in the grounds was greatly admired.

APPOINTMENTS.**MA TRON.**

Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.—Miss G. H. Booth, S.R.N. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, and at the County Hospital, Bradford, and has been Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.

ASSISTANT MATRON

Leicester Royal Infirmary.—Miss Constance Hawksworth, S.R.N., has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Sheffield Children's Hospital, where she was later Ward Sister and Night Sister, and at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith. Miss Hawksworth has also been Assistant Home Sister at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and Sister-in-Charge, Zachary Merton Home of Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.

Seacroft Emergency Hospital, Leeds.—Miss Ethel Wall, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Third Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. James's Hospital, Leeds; she received her fever training at the Seacroft Hospital, Leeds; and she holds the Housekeeping Certificate of Leeds Maternity Hospital. Miss Wall has been private nursing for Queen's Institute of District Nursing, Leeds; Ward Sister, St. James's Hospital, Leeds; Junior Night Sister at Seacroft Hospital, Leeds; Housekeeping Sister at Leeds Maternity Hospital; and Ward Sister at Seacroft Emergency Hospital.

Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow.—Miss Rose Mackrell, M.A., Miss Catriona Mackenzie, and Miss Mary McIntyre McPhail have been appointed Junior Assistant Matrons. Miss Mackrell and Miss Mackenzie were trained at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, and at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; Miss McPhail was trained at Aberdeen District Mental Hospital and at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

THE PASSING BELL.

Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., has passed away after a long nursing career. Trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, she held the position of Matron of the Manchester Royal Infirmary for many years. Miss Sparshott was an ardent advocate of the Royal College of Nursing, of which she was President from 1931 to 1933, and served for many years on its Council.

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