

Infectious Diseases Hospital, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The scheme of affiliation between Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London, and the West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead, be provisionally approved for a period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less.

Arrangements for the Examinations during the present conditions of War were considered, and, subject to the consent of the Minister of Health where necessary, the draft arrangements for the conduct of the Examinations were approved.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONDUCTING THE EXAMINATIONS UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS OF WAR.

The Education and Examination Committee recommend:—

"That in order to avoid assembling candidates in large numbers at one Centre (or more if required) for the Written and the Oral and Practical Examinations be arranged in every town in which there is a Training School—the possible number of Centres would be—

Written Examination	...	...	...	...	200
Oral and Practical Examination—					
Preliminary	...	...	...	...	200
Final	...	...	...	...	200

The number of Centres normally used is approximately 150 all told, and if this increase in the number of Centres is made it would not be possible to hold the Examinations as frequently as three times a year. It is, therefore, recommended "that Examinations be held early in April and towards the end of September and that candidates due to complete training by the last day of June be allowed to enter for the April Examination and those who complete training between the end of June and the end of December be admitted to the September Examination." This arrangement would do away with some of the hardship caused by the cancellation of the February Examination. Admission to the Register would not take place until confirmation of completion of training is received.

#### AGE OF ADMISSION.

"That candidates be admitted to the Final Examination in April and September provided they attain the prescribed age by the last day of June or December as the case may be."

[The Rules of the Council require that the Examinations shall be held not less often than three times a year—that candidates shall have completed not less than one year's training before entry to Part II. of the Preliminary Examination and that they shall have completed the whole period of training and attained the age of 21 years before admission to the Final Examination (20 years in the case of Fever Nurses). The consent of the Minister of Health would therefore be necessary to the changes proposed in respect of the above matters.]

#### ACCOMMODATION.

In order that the increase in the number of Centres shall not increase the cost of accommodation and in view of the fact that the proposed changes in arrangements are in the interest of the Hospitals and of the candidates, the Committee recommend—

"That in place of existing fees, payments to cover overhead costs be made at the inclusive rate of £3 3s. for one or more days' accommodation for the Oral and Practical Examinations, and £2 2s. for accommodation for half a day, and that the Hospitals be asked to provide accommodation for the Written Examinations free of cost."

#### PAYMENTS TO EXAMINERS.

The Committee recommend—

"That when an Examination lasts for one Session only (morning or afternoon) the fee to Examiners be £3 for the Final Examination and £2 10s. for the Preliminary Examination."

At present Examiners are paid a minimum fee for a full day's rate (i.e. £6 for the Final Examination and £5 for the Preliminary Examination.)

#### APPLICATION FOR ENTRY FORMS.

It is expected that the candidates for each Examination will number approximately—

Preliminary Examination	...	...	...	...	8,000
Final Examination	...	...	...	...	5,000

Reported—that entry forms will be on issue four months before the date of the Examination. A period of two weeks will be allowed in which to apply for forms and a further week for sending in completed forms.

#### SPECIAL APPLICATIONS.

In very exceptional cases (such as those of candidates having had sick leave) special applications might be considered up to ten weeks before the date of the Examination.

It was agreed that the following amendment to the Rules be approved:—

"Notwithstanding anything in these conditions hereinbefore contained, until such date as His Majesty by Order in Council shall declare to be the date on which the emergency that was the occasion of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, came to an end,

(i) The Council shall not be obliged to hold Examinations more often than twice in every year; and

(ii) The Council may at their discretion permit candidates to enter for the Examination immediately preceding the Examination which, but for this provision, would have been the earliest Examination for which they would have been entitled to enter."

It was agreed that the amendment be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval.

#### General Purposes.

In consideration of the good work done by the staff, and the conditions under which they have had to work, it was agreed that the offices of the Council be closed for the Christmas Holiday from midday, December 21st, to December 30th.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, December 20th.

### THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 22nd, 1940. Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the chair.

#### Education, Examination and Registration.

##### RESULTS OF OCTOBER, 1940, EXAMINATIONS.

##### Preliminary Examination.

	Entered.	Passed.
Anatomy and Physiology	502	406
Hygiene and Dietetics	466	408
Nursing, Part I	437	415

##### Final Examination.

General	...	...	269	252
Fever	...	...	95	91
Sick Children	...	...	29	29
Mental	...	...	27	25
Mental Defective	...	...	3	3
Male Nurse	...	...	1	1

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

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

All these applications were approved.

Ladysbridge Hospital, Banff, was approved as a Hospital for the purpose of training of Nurses for the Mental Part of the Register.

#### Finance.

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

#### Date of the Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Friday, January 26th, 1941.

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