

**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 December 20th. Miss D. M. Smith, Vice-Chairman, presided.

**Damage to Windows.**

The Chairman reported that some windows had sustained damage owing to enemy action in the vicinity, but that no damage had been done to the structure of the building.

**Correspondence.**

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the Minister of Health approving the rules *re* examinations, and saying that they would be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

**Finance.**

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £600 for weekly salaries, £300 for postage stamps, £40 for insurance stamps, and £10 for petty cash were allowed.

**Registration.**

Applications for approval for registration were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 6; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses—by examination 22, by reciprocity 1. Total, 30.

It was agreed that 51 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

**Education and Examination.**

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:—

The Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Male Nurses for a period of two years or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The City Isolation Hospital, Nottingham, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses for a period of two years or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The scheme of affiliation between Haslemere and District Hospital and the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, be now fully approved;

The provisional approval of the Dartford Joint Hospital for Infectious Diseases as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses be extended for a further period of six months.

A letter from the Board of Education was considered, and it was agreed that the Pre-Nursing Course at Manchester Municipal Central High School for Girls be approved for the purposes of Part I of the Preliminary Examination; and that the Pre-Nursing Course at the A. J. Dawson Secondary School, Wellfield, Easington, Co. Durham, be provisionally approved for the purposes of Part I of the Preliminary Examination.

**General Purposes.**

It was agreed that as from January 1st, 1941, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, the minimum salary of Third Division Clerks be 25s. per week, in place of 20s. per week as hitherto.

**Next Meeting of the Council.**

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for January 24th, 1941.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider cases of two Registered Nurses.

**THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.**

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**Final Examination, October-November, 1940.**

Register.	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
<b>General—</b>						
First entries	2,364	74	2,290	1,783	507	22.39%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	253	22	231	137	94	40.69%
Part exam.	433	22	411	200	121	29.44%
Total	3,050	118	2,932	2,210	722	—
<b>Male—</b>						
First entries	28	2	26	25	1	3.84%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part exam.	3	—	3	1	2	66.66%
Total	31	2	29	26	3	—
<b>Mental—</b>						
First entries	68	7	61	42	19	31.14%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	6	—	6	4	2	33.33%
Part exam.	30	7	23	10	13	56.52%
Total	104	14	90	56	34	—
<b>Mental Defect—</b>						
First entries	5	1	4	4	—	—
Re-entries—Whole exam.	1	1	—	—	—	—
Part exam.	2	—	2	2	—	—
Total	8	2	6	6	—	—
<b>Sick Children—</b>						
First entries	107	4	103	78	25	24.27%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	9	2	7	4	3	42.85%
Part exam.	20	2	18	14	13	48.14%
Total	145	8	137	96	41	—
<b>Fever—</b>						
First entries	275	16	259	240	19	7.33%
Re-entries—Whole exam.	15	2	13	12	1	7.69%
Part exam.	30	3	27	30	6	16.6%
Total	320	21	308	282	26	—

**THE HOSPITAL WORLD.**

**KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.**

His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent presided recently in the House of Lords at a meeting of the Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London. The Duke read the following message from the King:—

During my visits to bombed areas in London and other parts of the country I have been deeply impressed by the courage and devotion to duty displayed by the hospitals. I would like to express through the King's Fund, which has done so much to promote the well-being of the voluntary hospitals, my profound admiration for their work in the difficult conditions of the present time.

The Duke of Kent said that the grants they were making created a record, and brought the total amount distributed by the fund beyond the £10,000,000 mark. In deciding the grants for 1940 the Distribution Committee had to take into account the changes in hospital work and finance over two years past instead of only one. And they had done what they could to provide for the future by giving attention to the relative capacity of each hospital to carry on in spite of temporary losses of income.

In addition to the maintenance grants, the distribution included some capital grants in aid of building schemes. The war had put a stop to nearly all new work, but several hospitals had incurred liabilities on schemes already completed or begun. In such cases a grant to reduce the building deficit is often a valuable method of helping the hospital to face its war difficulties. If they included the District Nursing distribution of £2,000, special emergency grants of £7,000, and the special grants made last year, the amounts distributed came to £304,500 in 1939, and to no less than £380,000 in 1940.

The extension of their area to include the whole of the Metropolitan Police District had brought in 22 more hospitals from Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent, and Surrey, and the number of hospitals receiving grants was now 168. The District Nursing distribution will now also be extended.

**Recruitment of Nurses.**

The opening of the nursing recruitment centre in April

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