

## 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 July 25th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

### Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

The Chairman reported that the Minister of Health had signified his approval in connection with war bonus to members of the staff for those earning not more than £200 per annum, the increase to be 6 per cent. as from April 1st; members earning more than £200 and not more than £300 to have bonus at a lesser rate, and no bonus to be granted to members earning more than £300 per annum.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,670 for weekly salaries, £900 for postage, £80 for insurance stamps, £20 for petty cash, £5,000 for examiners' claims, and £750 for examination accommodation were allowed.

### Registration.

Numbers of successful candidates at the April-May examinations, approved by the Registration Committee, were: General Register, 3,057; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses, 12; for Mental Nurses, 50; for Nurses for Mental Defectives, 6; for Sick Children's Nurses, 157; for Fever Nurses, 262. Total, 3,544.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register by reciprocity, 4; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 20, by reciprocity, 2. Total, 29.

It was agreed that 69 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was reported that Registers for Nurses for 1941 have been received from the Nurses' Registration Board of Tasmania, the Nurses' and Masseurs' Registration Board, Queensland, and the Madras Nurses' and Midwives Council.

### Education and Examination.

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

Chase Farm Emergency Medical Services Hospital, Enfield; Emergency Medical Services Hospital, Clare Hall, Barnet; Staines Emergency Medical Services Hospital, Ashford, Middlesex; and Emergency Medical Services Hospital, County Sanatorium, Harefield, Middlesex, be provisionally approved as Complete Training Schools for General Nurses for a period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The schemes of affiliation between Surbiton Hospital in affiliation with Guy's Hospital, London, and the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, be provisionally approved for a period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The Stockport Borough Isolation Hospital be now fully approved as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses.

It was agreed that the one-year whole-time Pre-nursing Course at the Girls' Grammar School, Thetford, and at the Watford Grammar School for Girls be provisionally approved for the purposes of Part I of the Preliminary Examination.

It was agreed that the two-year part-time Pre-Nursing Course at Newport Technical College, Monmouthshire; at St. George's Secondary School, Bristol; and at the

Bournemouth Municipal College, be provisionally approved for the purposes of Part I of the Preliminary Examination.

### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's solicitor was instructed to take action under Section (8) (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, against two persons who have falsely represented themselves to be registered nurses; this action was approved.

### Mental Nursing.

It was agreed that Stoke Park Colony, Stapleton, Bristol, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Nurses for Mental Defectives for a period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less.

### Register of Nurses for 1941.

The Chairman reported that the Register of Nurses for 1941 is now complete. It contains the names of 82,269 nurses on the General Part of the Register, 404 on the Supplementary Part for Male Nurses, 4,639 for Mental Nurses, 255 for Nurses for Mental Defectives, 3,059 for Sick Children's Nurses, 7,912 for Fever Nurses. Total, 98,538.

### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for September 26th.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider the case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Police Authorities, and an application for restoration of name to the Register.

## FIRST AID TREATMENT OF BURNS.

The Department of Health for Scotland has issued a practical memorandum on the First Aid Treatment of Burns, in which it is advised that burns should be classified according to site, extent and depth. For the purpose of first aid they can then be divided into two main groups:—

(A)—*Those which require the immediate transfer of the patient to hospital:*

- (1) All extensive burns (*i.e.*, burns more than 5 per cent. body surface);
- (2) Burns which are associated with other severe injuries;
- (3) Except trivial burns, all which involve the face, hands and feet;
- (4) Burns involving the eyes.

(B)—*Those which receive full initial treatment at a first aid post;*

- (1) Burns of more than trivial extent, referred to hereafter as moderate burns. These may be dressed in the first aid post, but require further treatment and supervision by medical personnel, either at first aid post, hospital out-patient department, or at home;
- (2) Very small burns which require no special skilled treatment or supervision after first aid treatment has been applied.

### Principles of Treatment.

Under the above heading it is stated:—

Some degree of systematic upset is present after all burning injuries, and varies directly in proportion to the extent of the injury. First aid treatment is directed towards minimising or preventing shock and other complications.

### Details of Management.

#### FIRST AID TREATMENT.

Lay personnel should be instructed as follows:—

If the patient's clothes are in flames, do not allow him to run about, particularly out of doors. Smother the flames by wrapping around him a blanket, rug, or coat and rolling him on the ground. It is better to smother the flames than to

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