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The Herefordshire County Hospital, Longfields, Hereford, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for General Nurses for a period of two years, or for the duration of the war, whichever is the less ;

The provisional approval of the Mexborough Montagu Hospital as a Complete Training School for General Nurses be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the war, whichever is the less ;

The provisional approval of Dartford Joint Hospital for Infectious Diseases be extended for a further period of one year.

Letters from the Board of Education were considered and it was agreed that the two-year whole-time Pre-Nursing Course at the Park Hospital, Preston, the one-year whole-time Pre-Nursing Course at the Orme Girls' School, Newcastle-under-Lyme ; at Malvern Girls' College, Worcestershire ; and at Greenhead High School, Huddersfield, be provisionally approved for the purposes of Part I. of the Preliminary Examination.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee it was agreed that the Mental Hospital, Wells, Somerset ; the First Gloucester County Mental Hospital, Coney Hill, Gloucester ; and the Second Gloucester County Mental Hospital, Wotton, Gloucester, be provisionally approved as Complete Training Schools for Mental Diseases for a period of two years, or for the duration of the war, whichever is the less ; and the Banstead Hospital (Military Section), Sutton, Surrey, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Male Nurses for Mental Diseases for a period of two years, or for the duration of the war, whichever is the less.

General Purposes.

It was agreed that members of the staff of 21 years of age and over be paid a War Bonus in accordance with the War Bonus Scheme recently adopted by the Civil Service.

(The Civil Service War Bonus Scheme provides for a bonus, for women of 21 years of age and over, at the rate of 7s. 6d. per week for those earning £250 per annum or less ; and 4s. per week for those earning between £250 and £500 per annum. The cost to the General Nursing Council of this bonus at the present rates of salary would be approximately £700 per annum.)

Miss Helen Dey proposed that members of the staff earning more than £500 a year be paid a bonus, but this was not seconded.

Dr. M. A. Collins proposed that this matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee ; this was seconded by Miss M. Jones, and agreed.

Disciplinary Case.

The case against Miss Irene Mary Godfrey, S.R.N. (82,518), was considered.

Mr. Pitt, Solicitor to the Council, reported that Miss Godfrey had been charged at the South Western Police Court, in May, 1941, with stealing two £1 notes from a house in Clapham, where she was living. She was bound over in the sum of £10.

Miss Godfrey is at present a patient in a Hospital for Nervous Diseases, and the Council agreed to postpone judgment for a period of one year, providing she remains under medical care and treatment.

Application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

The application for the restoration of the name of Mrs. Isabella Allan Dallas to the Register was heard *in camera* and agreed.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for October 24th, at 2 p.m.

THE REGISTER OF NURSES, 1941.

We have to thank the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for a copy of the Register of Nurses for 1941, a gift which we always receive with sincerest pleasure, and value exceedingly. When tired, we have only to turn light on the two very handsome scarlet volumes to realise the value of tenacity of purpose. The present issue is indeed evidence of value of legal status to Registered Nurses, and we could wish its use was more available to the public.

The Registrar is to be congratulated in these very difficult days in the printing trade that the Register of Nurses appears in such fine form ; construction, printing, paper are all of the highest quality, and as, in our opinion, the matter it contains is worthy of a handsome binding, scarlet and gold befits the list of nurses qualified for duties of national value.

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AN AMAZING STORY.

Ethel Dora Hayes (40), of Meadow View, Yardley Gobion, Towcester, was fined £20 or three months imprisonment, at Macclesfield (Cheshire) on Friday (Sept. 19th), for submitting to the Governors of Macclesfield General Infirmary last June, two false testimonials on the strength of which she was appointed matron of the institution.

Hayes, who pleaded guilty, was refused time in which to pay the fine, and was detained in custody.

Evidence was given by Mr. H. K. Gwilliam, secretary-superintendent of Macclesfield General Infirmary, that the vacant position of matron was advertised on June 20th last. Hayes applied and because of two glowing testimonials purporting to come from the Chairmen of Haslemere (Surrey) and Harrogate hospitals she was given the post. This was cancelled after enquiries had revealed the credentials to be false.

Mr. W. E. Muir, Chairman, Haslemere and District Hospital, Haslemere, Surrey, and Mr. C. E. Carter, Chairman, Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate, both stated they had not given Hayes a testimonial.

The testimonials, typed, were purported to be copies of originals.

The Haslemere one read that she had been matron there for a year, and went on : "She has shown herself to be a lady of great ability. The nursing staff has achieved a high standard of efficiency, to the great satisfaction of the hon. staff. With regard to the maintenance of the nursing staff, domestic staff and patients, Miss Hayes has proved herself amazingly efficient. She has improved the food and the methods of serving it and has, at the same time, reduced the cost considerably. During the time she was with us we found her conscientious, reliable and hard-working, always able, somehow, to do a little more than was expected of her."

The Harrogate testimonial contained : "She has carried out her duties most efficiently, and has displayed at all times initiative and resourcefulness which has resulted in many improvements being effected."

Hayes told the Court she was frightfully sorry for what she had done. It was because she was desperate and wanted to get work somehow that she did it.

It was stated that on the strength of these two testimonials she had obtained a post with the Fleetwood Hospital, Lancs, and this offence was taken into consideration.

The presiding Magistrate said it was not only a very grave offence but also a very stupid one. She could not

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