

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 October 24th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman reported that the part of the basement commandeered by the Borough of St. Marylebone has been given up.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £840 for Weekly Salaries, £600 for Postage, £50 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

It was agreed that application be made to the Privy Council that steps be taken to extend the term of office of the present Council by a period of one year, because with Registered Nurses, both men and women, all over the world, it would not be possible to hold a fair postal ballot. The election was due to be held at the end of 1942.

Applications for approval for Registration were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 5; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 16. Total 23.

It was agreed that 185 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 a Supplement to the Nurses' Register has been received from the Nurses' Board of South Australia.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that the provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between the West-End Hospital for Nervous Diseases and the King George Hospital, Ilford, Essex, be extended for a further period of six months.

A circular regarding qualifications of teachers in Pre-Nursing Courses, drawn up by the Board of Education as a supplement to Circular 1,471, was approved.

It was agreed that the one year whole-time Pre-Nursing Course at Denbigh County School, Denbighshire, at the County School for Girls, Bridgwater, Somerset, and at Howell's School, Llandaff, Glamorgan, 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 had been instructed to take action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act against 15 persons who have falsely represented themselves to be registered nurses.

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

General Purposes.

The question of payment of a War Bonus to members of the staff earning salaries in excess of £500 per annum was considered, and it was agreed that no Bonus in respect of such salaries be paid.

Disciplinary Cases.

The cases of Mary Elizabeth Thompson, S.R.N., 50,234 (deferred from Council on October 25th, 1940); Edith Olive Berry, R.S.C.N., 889 (deferred from Council on April 25th, 1941), were considered *in camera*.

We are informed that the case concerning Miss Thompson was deferred to the next meeting of the Council, and that of Miss Berry was dismissed.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for November 28th.

PENALTIES FOR POSING AS REGISTERED NURSES.

We have received the following report of eight cases of persons (and decisions in Police Courts) who have been summoned for posing as Registered Nurses.

Pauline Furness (*née* Fitzner), charged at Tottenham on September 11th, 1941; dismissed under Probation of Offenders Act and fined £5 5s. costs.

Kathleen Viggers, charged on July 22nd, 1941; fined £1. Elspeth Edwards or Oldfield Edwards (*née* Fowlie or Fowie), charged at Romford on August 7th, 1941; fined £1 and costs amounting to £2 6s., and ordered to surrender the Badge.

Mary Gorman, charged at Brigg on September 30th, 1941; fined £2 and £2 2s. costs.

Lilian Gertrude Sutherby (*née* Coyle), charged at Leeds on September 12th, 1941; fined £5 and £2 2s. costs, by instalments of 10s. a week.

Gladys Elizabeth Hughes, charged at Ruabon on October 10th, 1941; fined £1 and £2 12s. costs and expenses.

Sylvia S. Dodd, charged at Manchester on October 15th, 1941; fined £3.

Edith Anne Elliott, charged at Bromley on September 11, 1941; fined £2, with £3 3s. costs.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The following number of candidates have now passed the whole subjects of the Council's October, 1941, Final Examinations:—

General Nurses	...	...	...	...	280
Male Nurse	...	...	...	...	1
Sick Children Nurses	...	...	...	...	37
Fever Nurses	...	...	...	...	62
Mental Nurses	...	...	...	...	22
Mental Defective Nurse	...	...	...	...	1

HELP FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Princess Elizabeth Day.

The sum of £17,192 has been realised from the united street collection held in London by the six chief children's charities on September 27th, Princess Elizabeth Day. The societies concerned were Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Crusade of Rescue, National Children's Home and Orphanage, National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the Waifs and Strays Society. The corresponding figure for last year was £6,427. Though the circumstances in September, 1940, were not so favourable, because of air raids, last month's achievement yet showed a substantial increase over any previous autumn collection for the six societies. The spring and autumn collections, taken together, produced £37,154 this year, compared with £20,001 in 1940.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund at the Mansion House, it was decided to distribute £51,000 among 175 hospitals and 51 dispensaries and nursing associations. Mr. R. Holland-Martin said that subscriptions were considerably smaller because more than 200 churches had been bombed and some 350 churches had not yet forwarded their collections.

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