

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 February 28th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £680 for Weekly Salaries, £100 for Postage Stamps, £40 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were:— General Register, by reciprocity, 3; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 17. Total, 22.

It was agreed that 34 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 agreed that the names of 5,089 nurses who have not paid their retention fee for 1941 be removed from the Register in accordance with the Rules, Part II., Rule 5 (3).

Education and Examination.

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

The Staincliffe County Hospital, Dewsbury, 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;

Killingbeck Fever Hospital be provisionally approved (a) as a Training School for Fever Nurses in combination with Seacroft Infectious Diseases Hospital (for the purpose of Probationers who have already started training at the latter Hospital); and (b) 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 Isolation Hospital, Clatterbridge, Wirral, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Nurses for Infectious Diseases for a period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The approval of the scheme of affiliation between the County Infirmary, Carmarthen, and the Swansea General and Eye Hospital be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of Nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme;

The County Infirmary, Carmarthen, 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;

St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, be now fully approved as a Complete Training School;

The provisional scheme of affiliation between Enfield War Memorial Hospital, and the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway; between Richard Murray Hospital, Blackhill, Co. Durham, and the Royal Infirmary, Bradford; be extended for a further period of two years or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of the Southampton Children's Hospital and Dispensary for Women as a Complete Training School for Sick Children's Nurses, and of the Sheriff Hill Isolation Hospital and Winney House Sanatorium, as a combined complete Training School for Nurses for Infectious Diseases, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less.

It was agreed that the Pre-Nursing Courses at Bedford High School, Bedford; at Penrhos College, Colwyn Bay; at Henry Smith School, Hartlepool, Co. Durham; at

Blaydon Secondary School, Co. Durham; at Alderman Smith Secondary School, Washington, Co. Durham; at Bishop Auckland Girls' County School, Co. Durham; at Consett Secondary School, Co. Durham; at Alderman Wraith School, Spennymoor, Co. Durham; at Hookergate Secondary School, Blaydon, Co. Durham; and at Houghton-le-Spring Secondary School, Co. Durham, be approved for the purposes of Part I. of the Preliminary Examination. That Grove Park County School for Girls, Wrexham, and Colston Girls' School, Bristol, be provisionally approved for the purposes of Part I. of the Preliminary Examination.

It was reported that Dame Ellen Musson, Chairman of Council, Miss D. M. Smith, Vice-Chairman of Council, Miss Helen Dey, Miss D. A. Lane, Miss M. E. G. Milne and Miss E. C. Pearce were appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of the Examinations.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, March 28th, and it was proposed by Miss Puxley, seconded by Mr. Ouseby, and agreed that in future the Meeting of the Council be held at 2.30 p.m., instead of at 2 p.m.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

In a communication recently received at the office of the National Council of Nurses Dean Effie Taylor, R.N., President of the International Council of Nurses, informs us that the Executive Secretary, Miss Anna Schwarzenberg (on leave during the war) has arrived in the United States.

Miss Schwarzenberg has been granted by the American Red Cross, as requested, the Clara Dutton Noyes Study Scholarship, which permits her to enter Teacher's College, Columbia University, as a student, for one year, for the purpose of preparing herself more adequately for the position she now holds on leave of absence. The scholarship provides the sum of 1,200 dollars. This, states the President, is considered a very limited sum for living in New York City, particularly when 300 or 400 dollars is required for tuition, and it is hoped that some way may be found to supplement her income in the future.

In talking with Teacher's College and the student, it has seemed wise to direct the course of study along the lines of history, the social sciences and journalism. If a degree is to be granted at the completion of the course, a Thesis will probably be required. Our International President suggests that, having talked things over with Miss Schwarzenberg, it would be of interest to have some work on compiling the history of the I.C.N. from 1925 to date, provided this would be accepted by Miss Stewart, as a Thesis in the history of nursing course at the College.

We are reminded that "we were charged at the last Board meeting to find ways and means to complete the history already half written.* It seems to me that this is a most opportune time to gather the data and put it in shape, and no one knows the content better than the Executive Secretary." The President naturally has not the time to put spirit into the project and supply the necessary inspiration and colour to the assembling of the material—and she is of the opinion "that if Teacher's College will accept the suggestion, the Executive Secretary is the best person to do the work." The materials are all available, and she can think of no piece of work more important for our Council than this. When the war is over, if we have

* By Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and the late Miss Margaret Breay, from the foundation of the I.C.N. in 1899 to 1925.

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