

His name is Konrad Hirsch, and he took up the appointment on May 11th. When his appointment was disclosed at a meeting of the committee, it was stated that a Czech doctor had applied for the post but had been turned down.

The appointment will come up for renewal after three months. What are Ipswich mothers doing about the matter? Surely they should have been consulted on this appointment, as presumably they are taxed to help pay the salary of £600 per annum which the appointment carries.

Who is going to begin to educate the Ipswich Education Committee in the elements of patriotism? They evidently need it.

#### The Blind in German Camps.

It is sad to learn that there are 23 known cases of blinded British prisoners of war in German camps. Would that they could be exchanged for German prisoners, so that they could be cared for at St. Dunstan's.

#### War Anæsthetics. The Oxford Vaporiser.

The first 200 vaporising machines to be used for giving anæsthetics and artificial respiration for operations on the battlefield and in air raids was recently presented to the R.A.F. by Lord Nuffield.

The machine, the Oxford Vaporiser, weighing only 30 lb., is in a case about the size of a portable gramophone and will replace the cumbersome gas-cylinders.

#### Knitting for the R.A.F.

The R.A.F. Comforts Committee have expressed the hope that the public will not stop knitting during the summer months. A large number of articles will be needed as soon as the weather turns cold again, and to begin knitting when the winter has begun means hardship for many in the Services in the early weeks. Wool for knitting parties can be obtained from two sources, either from local retailers, when retail prices must be paid against coupons issued by the committee, or from the R.A.F. Comforts Committee at 20, Berkeley Square, W.1, at wholesale rates.

#### ALL OUT FOR VICTORY

*Professional Nursing, U.S.A.*, is full of push re the nursing service in war; it states:—

"Nursing has two prime functions in our nation's victory effort.

1. To supply needed nursing service
  - (a) To the armed forces;
  - (b) To civilians.

2. To prepare enough qualified nurses and nursing auxiliaries to supply the needed services.

"To carry out these functions, business (nursing) cannot 'go on as usual.' Civilian services are finding that they must 'do without,' 'do with less' or must 'use substitutes.' The Sub-committee on Nursing, the Nursing Council on National Defence, and the American Red Cross Nursing Service—the three national nursing groups responsible for seeing that the nursing requirements-for-victory are met—have set a pace which is causing each active nurse and many inactive ones too, to work a little faster, to work considerably harder, and even to take on 'one more job.'"

This advice might be taken by some nurses in this country who so far have failed to offer their services to the armed forces, who are fighting and dying for them in many parts of the world.

#### HOSPITAL WORLD.

Princess Elizabeth, who is to be a patron of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children when it becomes established on October 1st next, has sent to Lord Iliffe, the president, the sum of £95 3s.—gifts sent by children to the Princess on the occasion of her birthday.

## 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 May 22nd. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Congratulations were accorded Miss M. Jones, O.B.E., A.R.R.C., upon the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts, University of Liverpool, being recently conferred upon her.

#### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £840 for weekly salaries, £10 for petty cash, £200 for postage and £40 for insurance stamps were approved.

#### Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee arrangements were agreed for the establishment of reciprocity between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association.

It was reported that a List of Trained Nurses registered in the Colony of Southern Rhodesia and a List of Nurses and Masseurs registered under the Nurses and Masseurs Registration Acts, 1928 to 1940, have been received from the Medical Council of Southern Rhodesia and the Nurses and Masseurs Registration Board, Queensland, respectively.

Applications for approval for Registration were:—General Part of the Register, by reciprocity, 1; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 10; by reciprocity, 3. Total 17.

It was agreed that 167 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.

It was agreed that the provisional approval of the Sutton and Cheam 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.

#### 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 four persons who have falsely represented themselves to be Registered Nurses. Two of the cases had been heard.

#### General Purposes.

The form in which Minutes of Council shall be presented in the future was considered, and it was agreed that they shall retain their present form and constitute a record of work done; that all resolutions or amendments proposed and seconded be included, but that detailed discussion in Committee be not recorded in the Minutes.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for June 26th.

#### SEPTEMBER, 1942, EXAMINATIONS.

Please note advertisement re Entry Forms for September, 1942, examinations to be found on back page of cover, and note that the last day for applying for entry forms is Tuesday, June 16th, 1942.

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