

the portrait of a very good-looking man in clerical garb, and then she whispered, "He isn't married."

We gathered she was recommending his charms to Sister! Thus lingers love's young dream into the dim decades of dissolution!

Surely the care of the chronic sick cannot advisedly be omitted from the scheme of nursing education and proficiency; indeed, it would appear to have a special value all its own. To plead that the mental and physical disabilities and the idiosyncrasies of the chronic sick are negligible in the course of the training and study of either medical or nursing students proves a lack of appreciation of human entities without which neither medicine nor nursing can attain the acme of the healing art.

The first-class nurse is inspired by the mother instinct. Why, therefore, should she not indulge it in caring for the chronic sick? If this maternal attribute was appreciated by those responsible for the training and examination of young nurses we should hear less of the registration of semi-trained assistant nurses.

Before leaving this very interesting hospital we were shown the beautiful chapel, dedicated to St. Elizabeth of Hungary; but as its interior with artistic memorials and frescoes needs study before description, we are unable to do it justice. To worship in so beautiful a place is a great inspiration indeed.

We said farewell to Miss Ingman, realising what fine results she has attained in her twelve years' devoted service as Matron to St. Mary Abbot's Hospital. We feel sure the model wards for chronic sick will inspire further efforts in the care of those needing all the sympathy from our profession which apparently has been denied to them outside the gates.

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TILL VICTORY IS WON.

One fine day recently, King Peter of Yugoslavia flew away from England to U.S.A., where he paid a visit to the White House.

During a visit to Congress King Peter spoke with feeling of the British people, saying that all who had found sanctuary in London, as had his Government, "draw strength and inspiration from the quiet patience and grim determination of the British people to persevere until the inevitable victory is won."

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, at 23, Portland Place, London, W., on June 26th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., L.L.D., presided.

The Chairman presented the new Register of Nurses, in three volumes, to the Council, containing the names of 103,265 State Registered Nurses, made up as follows:—

General Nurses	...	...	86,365
Male Nurses	...	...	412
Mental Nurses	...	...	4,572
Nurses for Mental Defectives	251
Sick Children's Nurses	3,305
Fever Nurses	8,360
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Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £750 for Weekly Salaries, £10 for Petty Cash, £100 for Postage, £45 for Insurance Stamps and £15,000 for Examiners' Claims and Hospital Accommodation were allowed.

Registration.

It was reported that the numbers of successful candidates at the April-May Examinations, approved by the Registration Committee, were as follows:—

General Register	...	...	2,580
Supplementary part of the Register for:—			
Male Nurses	...	...	8
Mental Nurses	...	...	38
Nurses for Mental Defectives	6
Sick Children's Nurses	154
Fever Nurses	311
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Total	3,097

Applications for approval for Registration were:— General Register, by examination, 197; by reciprocity, 9. Supplementary part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by examination, 6; by reciprocity, 3. For Mental Defective Nurses, by examination, 3. For Sick Children's Nurses, by examination, 16. For Fever Nurses, by examination, 33. Total, 267.

It was agreed that 88 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 the Registers of Nurses for 1942 have been received from the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Northern Ireland, and the General Nursing Council for Eire.

Education and Examination.

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

The Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Heswall, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Sick Children's Nurses 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 Yeovil District Hospital and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme; and that the Yeovil District Hospital 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 Dartford Joint Isolation Hospital as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the war, whichever is the less.

Applications for approval of Pre-Nursing Courses, recommended by the Board of Education, were considered, and the one year whole-time Pre-Nursing Course at the E Brighton and Hove High School; at the Harrow County School for Girls; at the South West Essex Technical College and School of Art, Walthamstow; at the East Ham Grammar School for Girls; at Brownhills High School for Girls, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent; at the City of Worcester Secondary School for Girls, and at the Westcliff High School for Girls be provisionally approved for the purposes of Part I of the Preliminary Examination.

General Purposes.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was reported that in accordance with the recent announcement of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, the office hours have been extended by five hours per week, and the holiday periods have been reduced. The time worked in excess of normal hours be paid for at a rate proportionate to the salary in each grade, subject to the agreement of the Ministry of Health. It is estimated that the cost will be approximately £1,000 per annum.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for July 24th.

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