

### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were:— General Register, by reciprocity, 13; by examination, 1; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 3; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 4; for Fever Nurses, by reciprocity, 9; by examination, 28. Total, 58.

It was agreed that 144 nurses who have not hitherto paid their retention fee and now wish their names re-included in the Register, shall be re-included.

It was agreed that the List of Nurses to be set up in accordance with the requirements of the Nurses Act, 1943, be opened on November 1st, 1943, and that an announcement be made in the Press.

### Education and Examination.

It was agreed that a Conference (to be held at 23, Portland Place) with representatives of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland be arranged to discuss various matters.

It was agreed that approach be made to the Minister of Health requesting powers for the establishment of post-registration training, examination, and the issue of certificates in special subjects, and that an interview be sought to discuss this matter.

The approval of St. Luke's Hospital, Chelsea, as a Complete Training School for Nurses is withdrawn, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted for training.

Applications for approval as Complete Training Schools for General Nurses; as affiliated Training Schools for Nurses; continuation of approval as Training Schools for Nurses and Pre-Nursing Courses were agreed.

### Mental Nursing.

Applications for approval as a Complete Training School for Male and Female Nurses for Mental Defectives; and continuation of approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Nurses were agreed.

### General Purposes.

It was reported that a verbatim reporter had been engaged to take notes at the meeting of the Education and Examination Committee on September 8th, 1943, and that the cost of this work was not to exceed £10.

It was agreed that this action be approved, and that authority be given for similar arrangements to be made in the future if necessary.

It was agreed that Messrs. Sherwood & Co. be reappointed Parliamentary Agents to the Council for a period of one year from October 1st, 1943, at a fee of £5 5s.

### Disciplinary Case.

The case of Vera Ellen Meredith, S.R.N., 54,411; R.F.N., 2,027, was brought before the Council by Mr. Pitt. Miss Meredith was at the Carmarthen Assizes sentenced to nine months' imprisonment on charges of embezzlement and fraud.

The case was considered *in camera* and the Registrar was directed to remove from the Register of Nurses the name of Vera Ellen Meredith.

### Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for October 22nd, at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENT REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING IN SANATORIA SANCTIONED BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

In view of the existing shortage of Nursing staff in Sanatoria the General Nursing Council for England and Wales wish to draw the attention of the authorities con-

cerned to the following arrangements which are in existence for the recognition of training in such Institutions.

The Council regard the experience to be gained in Sanatoria as of great value to a nurse, and are of opinion that if these schemes were made more widely known to nurses, and were acted upon more freely by the authorities, the Sanatoria would benefit by an increase in staff and nurses in training would gain experience which would be to their great advantage.

#### (1) GENERAL TRAINING.

(a) The General Nursing Council permit Nurses in training in Complete General Hospitals to be seconded to Sanatoria for a period not exceeding three months.

(b) Schemes of affiliation may be arranged between General Hospitals and Special Hospitals including Sanatoria. Under these schemes a period of two years is spent at the Special Hospital in training for the Preliminary State Examination, which is passed before entry to the General Hospital where a further two years' training is undergone for admission to the Final Examination for the General Part of the Register.

(c) The Council are prepared to consider any schemes submitted which afford comprehensive training provided that they include not less than two years in a Complete General training school.

#### (2) FEVER TRAINING.

The Council permit nurses in training for admission to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses to spend a portion of the time (usually three/six months) in a Sanatorium or in the Tuberculosis wards attached to the Fever Hospital.

The Council are prepared to consider any proposals for combined training.

## REMARKS.

### THE BALANCE SHEETS.

The Balance Sheets and Revenue Accounts of the General Nursing Council for 1942 and 1943 are now available in print. Owing to pressure on our space this month, we regret we cannot insert them in full, but as a record of expenditure of our Governing Body it is of the utmost importance, and as we have always published the Balance Sheet in the hope of inspiring Registered Nurses with a sense of professional responsibility, these accounts will appear in due course. Suffice it to report that the cost of administration for 1942 was £63,876 15s. 6d., and for 1943, £63,217 5s. 11d. This is an immense sum to maintain our profession annually, and that it is now possible, under Rule 19 of the new Nurses Act, 1943, to compel us to subsidise the Roll of untrained and semi-trained Assistant Nurses, we call upon every Registered Nurse to protest against this gross injustice inaugurated by Mr. Ernest Brown, the Minister of Health, and to demand that Rule 19 be eliminated from the de-grading Act, and that the cost of organising semi-trained nurses shall be financed by themselves or the Treasury. For Registered Nurses to accept this unjust legislation places them in a most invidious position which no enfranchised citizen should accept.

### NURSING STANDARDS AND THE G.N.C.

It is high time that responsibility for educational standards for all Nurses should be defined and under the supervision of the General Nursing Council, and that the personal interference of unprofessional politicians ceased to confuse the issue.

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