

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 November 26th, 1943.

Miss D. M. Smith, Vice-Chairman, was in the Chair until Dame Ellen Musson was able to arrive.

It was reported that Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, member of Council, is ill in hospital; it was agreed to send her a message from the Council.

Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

It was reported that the Conference between representatives of the Council, representatives of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and the Joint Nurses' and Midwives' Council for Ireland, was held on November 19th. A report of the Conference will be presented to the Council at the meeting on December 17th.

A letter was reported from the Minister of Health in connection with a request from the Council for a grant to cover the expense of employing four salaried inspectors of institutions where Assistant Nurses are in training, saying these expenses must be met out of the fees paid to the Council, and referring the Council to Rule 19 of the Nurses Act, 1943. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Assistant Nurses' Committee.

The following letter from the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was read:

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.,
19, Queen's Gate,
London, S.W.7.

November 10th, 1943.

To THE CHAIRMAN,

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

DEAR MADAM,—At a Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., held on October 20th last, your reply to the resolution unanimously adopted and sent from the Annual General Meeting of this College was considered.

While our Council wished to convey their thanks for the information furnished in your letter concerning the organisation and financing of the Assistant Nurses' Roll, it was unanimously agreed to invite further information as to the detail of how the cost of the organisation by the State of Assistant Nurses is to be defrayed.

In contemplating this important question of finance, my Council desires to submit for your consideration a schedule of expenses which would necessarily be incurred.

In the opinion of our Council it is improbable that the infinitesimal fee of one guinea to be paid for enrolment by Assistant Nurses can cover the inevitable cost of administration.

They would, therefore, be greatly obliged for further information as to how such expenditure is to be met.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

ALICE STEWART BRYSON, *Secretary.*

ENROLMENT AND CONTROL OF ASSISTANT NURSES.

Annual Expenditure.

Rent.	Telephone.
Rates and Taxes.	Telegrams.
Equipment.	Postage.
Repairs and Renewals.	Printing.
Insurance.	Tuition.
Water.	Examination.
Light.	Compiling & printing the Roll.
Heat.	First-class travelling expenses for eleven persons to attend meetings of the Assistant Nurses' Committee.
Laundry.	Subsistence allowance for eleven persons.
Wear and Tear	
Clerical service.	
Domestic service.	
Audit Fees.	

Miss D. M. Smith suggested that an answer might be sent, saying that if expenses were not covered the fees of Assistant Nurses could be revised.

Lady Limerick asked, "Is it really their business?"

Dr. Macaulay then proposed, and it was agreed, that a reply be sent to the British College of Nurses, Ltd., saying that there was nothing to add to their previous letter.

Some suggested amendments to the Nurses Act, 1943, were referred to the Assistant Nurses' Committee.

A letter from the Minister of Health agreeing to amend the Rule increasing the retention fee from 2s. to 2s. 6d. was reported.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,000 for Weekly Salaries, £500 for Postage, £60 for Insurance Stamps, £20 for Petty Cash, and £10,000 for Examiners' Claims and Examination Accommodation were allowed.

Estimates for stationery to the value of £339 17s. 3d. for Mental, General, Sick Children's and Fever Nurses; and stationery to the value of £89 7s. 6d. for the Assistant Nurses' Roll were agreed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were:—General Register, by Examination, 2, by reciprocity, 7; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 9; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 11, and by reciprocity, 4. Total, 34.

It was agreed that 137 nurses who have hitherto failed to pay their retention fee and now wish their names re-included in the Register shall be re-included.

Education and Examination.

It was reported that the List of Nurses to be set up in accordance with Section 18 of the Nurses Act, 1943, was opened on November 1st.

The form of Certificate to be issued to Nurses whose names are entered on the List of Nurses was approved.

It was reported that at the recent Examinations, 3,161 candidates passed the Preliminary Examination; 1,316 passed Part I, and 1,418 passed Part II only, and for the final Examination the successes were:—

General Nurses	...	...	...	2,812
Male Nurses	...	...	...	15
Mental Nurses	...	...	...	65
Nurses for Mental Defectives	4
Sick Children's Nurses	138
Fever Nurses	450
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				3,484

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, the approval granted to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, as an affiliated training school for Male Nurses was withdrawn, as no male student nurses are now in training there.

Applications for approval as training schools and affiliated training schools were approved; continuation as Training Schools was agreed, and Pre-Nursing Courses were approved.

General Purposes.

Estimates to the value of £9 3s. 4d. for two electric heaters and £4 3s. 4d. for a portable radiator for the Assistant Nurses' Department were approved. One Register headed General Register of Nurses, one headed the Register of Fever Nurses, and two headed Roll of Assistant Nurses, costing £46 9s. 6d., were approved.

The length of the Christmas holidays was agreed.

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