

GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS.

It is hoped that Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., will note that a General Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25th, at 2.30 p.m., at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, at which it is hoped they will make every effort to be present.

The principal business is to receive the audited accounts to June, 1942, and to consider the same.

Legal business with the incorporation of the College has now terminated, and it is the wish of the Council, the Governing Body of the College, that Fellows and Members shall take as active a part as possible in its future development, and thus promote its success on the only safe basis—"Government of the people by the people."

Tea will be served at 3.45 p.m.

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 January 22nd.

Election of Chairman.

The Countess of Limerick, representative of the Privy Council, announced that Dame Ellen Musson had been nominated by 14 members of the Council to act as Chairman during 1943; there was no other nomination. Dame Ellen Musson took the chair, and said she would continue the duties as well as she could while her colleagues were so busy during the war.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Miss D. M. Smith was nominated by 13 members of Council to hold office as Vice-Chairman during this year; there was no other nomination. The Chairman congratulated Miss Smith, on behalf of the Council, upon the award she had received in the New Year Honours.

Business Arising out of the Minutes.

The Chairman announced that the Minister of Health approves the appointment of a second Assistant Registrar, at the same salary as the Assistant Registrar.

A rule for candidates sitting for the examinations was considered, and it was agreed, after some discussion, that it be placed upon the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £840 for weekly salaries, £100 for postage, and £50 for Insurance stamps allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by examination, 6; by reciprocity, 8; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 12; by reciprocity, 3. Total, 32.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 58 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 Register of Nurses for 1942 has been received from the Association of Registered Nurses of the Province of Quebec.

Education and Examination.

Approval was given in respect of Hospitals as Training Schools, and Pre-Nursing Courses were also approved.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Solicitor to the Council presented the case of Amy Elizabeth Button, S.R.N., 11,002, to the Council.

Miss Button was reported as being intoxicated while on duty; leaving a helpless patient on the floor for half-an-hour; discontinuing medicine of a patient for some weeks, while on duty at the Glazebury Nursing Home, London.

A former patient, and the Matron of the Home, appeared and gave their evidence before the Council.

The Council considered the case *in camera*, and the Registrar was directed to remove the name of Amy Elizabeth Button from the Register of Nurses.

The case of Irene Ethel Robinson, S.R.N., 107,883 (deferred from Council on January 23rd, 1942), was considered *in camera*, and the case dismissed.

Application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

Application by Miss Margarethe Charlotte Grosset for the restoration of her name to the Register, removed in 1940, was considered *in camera*, and the Registrar was directed to re-include the name of Margarethe Charlotte Grosset in the General Part of the Register, and issue to her a new Certificate of Registration.

Committees for 1943.

FINANCE.—Mr. Buckley, Miss Burgess, Miss Cox-Davies, Sir Henry Gooch, Miss Duff Grant, Miss MacManus, Mr. Ousby, Miss Willis.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION.—Dr. Russel Brain, Miss Campbell, Miss Catnach, Miss Dey, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Jones, Miss Lane, Miss MacManus, Miss Milne, Miss Pearce, Dr. Rees Thomas, Miss Watt.

MENTAL NURSING.—Mr. Buckley, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Lane, Dr. Rees Thomas, Miss Watt, Mrs. Whitehurst, Miss Willis, Mr. Ousby.

REGISTRATION.—Mr. Buckley, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Lane, Miss Pearce, Mrs. Whitehurst, Miss Willis, Miss Milne, Mr. Ousby.

DISCIPLINARY AND PENAL CASES.—Mr. Buckley, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Dey, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Jones, Miss MacManus, Mr. Ousby, Miss Willis.

GENERAL PURPOSES.—Miss Burgess, Miss Cox-Davies, Sir Henry Gooch, Miss MacManus, Mr. Ousby, Miss Willis.

UNIFORM.—Miss Lane, Miss Watt, Mrs. Whitehurst, Miss Willis, Mr. Buckley, Miss Pearce.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council are *ex officio* members of all Committees.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for February 26th.

SECOND ASSISTANT REGISTRAR REQUIRED.

An addition to the staff of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, is to be made—that of Second Assistant Registrar. To fill this post efficiently a highly qualified Registered Nurse with secretarial training and experience is required, for which, no doubt, there will be many applicants, as the duties are interesting and the salary desirable. See advertisement page on back of cover.

G.N.C. OUR GOVERNING BODY.

The Royal College of Nursing has asked the General Nursing Council to meet representatives of its Sister-Tutor Section in conference to consider the revision of the Nurses' Syllabus of Training. Surely should such a Conference be necessary, it is for the General Nursing Council to take the initiative in such a matter, when other bodies of nurses should also be invited to express their opinions.

There are 100,000 nurses on the Register of Nurses controlled by the G.N.C. who are not members of the Royal College of Nursing, which is not the Governing Body of the Nursing Profession in Great Britain.

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