

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND, HELD AT 5, DARNAWAY STREET, EDINBURGH, ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 1943.

Council.

At the meeting held on Friday, January 22nd, it was reported that the following Members had been appointed for a period of five years:—

By the Privy Council.—Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Edinburgh.

By the Department of Health for Scotland.—Miss E. Brodie, Lady Superintendent of Nurses, Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow; Dr. W. G. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Edinburgh; Professor G. M. Wishart, M.D., B.Sc., The University, Glasgow; Dr. J. Young, Edinburgh.

By the Scottish Education Department.—Miss Beatrice M. Rose, M.A. (Oxon.), Headmistress, Aberdeen High School for Girls.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., was unanimously reappointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, and Miss E. D. Smail, O.B.E., A.R.R.C., was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Miss E. Brodie was elected Convener of the Education, Examination and Registration Committee.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., was elected Convener of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, congratulated Miss M. A. Clark on being awarded the Membership of the Order of the British Empire, and Miss M. Husband on being awarded the Royal Red Cross.

Registration.

Reported that 14 nurses who had passed the Council's Final Examination and had now attained the age of 21 had been registered since last meeting.

Reported nine applications for reinclusion in the Register after failure to pay the Retention Fee. Reported one application for registration by reciprocity. All these applications were approved.

It was reported that 409 nurses had failed to pay the Retention Fee by December 31st, and it was resolved that their names be excluded from the Register with the exception of those whose last known addresses were overseas.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 26th, at 11.15 a.m.

THE SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We heartily congratulate members of the Scottish Nurses' Association on their action in placing before Members of Parliament their considered opposition to the de-grading of present nursing standards in Scotland by the registration of the semi-trained Assistant Nurse. No doubt they realise that such a course would inevitably result in danger to the lives of the sick and to their own economic instability.

NURSES WILL OBJECT TO COMPULSION.

It is reported that trained nurses who have left hospitals to go into munition factories or other forms of war work to earn more money are providing a problem for the Ministry of Labour. As the nursing profession does not come under the Essential Work Order, there is nothing to prevent nurses from transferring from one job to another.

Cases of this kind have come to the notice of the Ministry, and the question of including them in the Order has been under consideration.

We learn that trained nurses object to compulsion.

APPOINTMENTS.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Whitecross Institution, Warrington.—Miss Cissie Gilbert, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Jericho Hospital, Bury; and has been Ward and Night Sister at the Borough Hospital, Southampton; Charge Sister at the Withnell Pulmonary Hospital, Lancashire County Council; and Charge Sister at the Fielden Hospital, Todmorden.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Newcastle General Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—Miss Alice Stokoe, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-in-Charge, Venereal Diseases Clinic. She was trained at the Sunderland Royal Infirmary, and has been Sister at the Sunderland Eye Infirmary, and Sister in the Outpatients' and Casualty Departments, and Sister in the Venereal Diseases Clinic at the Guest Hospital and Eye Infirmary, Dudley.

SISTER TUTOR.

Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—Mrs. Celia Lowry, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., D.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the City General Hospital, Leicester, holds the Sister Tutor Certificate, First Class, of the Battersea Polytechnic, and the Diploma of Nursing, London University. Mrs. Lowry has been Ward Sister and Assistant Tutor at the North Middlesex County Hospital, Edmonton.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

Nurses' Central Training Home, Edinburgh.—The committee of Clydebank Nursing Association have appointed Miss Thomson, first Assistant Superintendent at the Nurses' Central Training Home in Edinburgh, to the post of superintendent in succession to the late Miss Gibb.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the death at Llandough, on November 11th, 1942, after a long illness, of Miss Mabel Davies, S.R.N., S.C.M., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, London, Miss Davies joined Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in 1917, and served for nearly three years. She served again with Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, from 1925 to 1928, when she was appointed to Q.A.I.M.N.S. Since that date, Miss Davies has served continuously in military hospitals in India and in this country.

It is with regret that we record the death on active service in India, on October 14th, 1942, of Miss Jessie Darnell, S.R.N., Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Miss Darnell received her general training at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne (1936—1940), and was appointed to Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve in September, 1941. After serving at military hospitals in this country, Miss Darnell proceeded to India in March, 1942, and was serving there at the time of her death.

THE PADEREWSKI HOSPITAL.

We regret that information we received concerning the finance of the "Paderewski" Hospital, Edinburgh, and which appeared last month, was not correct.

The Secretary informs us that the Rockefeller Foundation, New York City, has not made a gift of \$75,000 to the hospital.

The facts are these: The Rockefeller Foundation gave the sum of \$75,000 to the Polish School of Medicine, which is part of the University of Edinburgh, which is entirely separate in administration and finance from the "Paderewski" Hospital.

The "Paderewski" Hospital is part of the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, and, as such, is maintained by the generosity of the Public Health Department of Edinburgh and the Department of Health for Scotland, while much of the equipment is the gift of the Paderewski Testimonial Fund, Inc., of the United States of America.

As we are all interested in the welfare of the heroic Poles, let us hope this useful hospital may continue to receive all the financial support possible.

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