

## 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 February 26th, Miss D. M. Smith, vice-chairman, presided.

### Correspondence.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the Ministry of Health concerning the Nurses' Salaries Committee, and asking the Council to consider the institution of a supplementary part of the Register of Tuberculosis Nurses, the title of Tuberculosis Nurses to be avoided.

It was agreed to pass on the letter to the Education Committee for consideration, and then the matter would again come before the Council.

### Finance.

Mr. J. H. Buckley has been re-elected Chairman of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £900 for weekly salaries, £150 for postage and £50 for insurance stamps were allowed.

### Registration.

It was reported that Miss D. A. Lane has been re-elected Chairman of the Registration Committee for the ensuing year.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by reciprocity, 6; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 11. Total, 20.

It was agreed that 56 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and who now wished their names reincluded in the Register, should be reincluded.

It was agreed that the names of 2,965 nurses who have not paid their retention fee for 1943 should be removed from the Register.

### Education and Examination.

Miss H. Dey has been re-elected Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee for the ensuing year.

The advisability of instituting a Register of Student Nurses admitted to approved training schools was considered, and it was agreed that a Register of Student Nurses be set up by the General Nursing Council as soon as possible after the termination of the war.

Applications for approval as complete training schools, for schemes of affiliation, for termination of schemes of affiliation, and for continuation of approval of hospitals as training schools were considered and approved.

On the recommendation of the Board of Education, the two-year part-time course at Croydon Polytechnic, the one-year whole-time course at Trowbridge High School for Girls, at St. Swithin's School, Winchester, at Perse School for Girls, Cambridge, and at Cambridge and County High School for Girls, be provisionally approved for the purposes of Part I of the Preliminary Examination.

The following members of Council were appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of the examinations: Dame Ellen Mussion, Miss D. Smith, Miss H. Dey, Miss Catnach, Miss D. A. Lane and Miss E. Pearce.

### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

Miss M. Jones has been re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was reported that the Council's solicitor has been instructed to take action, under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, against eight persons who have falsely represented themselves to be Registered Nurses.

### Mental Nursing.

Miss K. M. Willis has been re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Applications for provisional approval for Complete Training for Male and Female Nurses for Mental Diseases, for termination of training, and for continuation of approval were agreed.

### General Purposes.

Miss D. M. Smith has been re-elected as Chairman during the ensuing year.

It was agreed that a sum not exceeding £200 be allowed for repairs to windows damaged by enemy action.

### Uniform.

Miss E. C. Pearce has been re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

### Disciplinary Cases.

The Council went *in camera* to consider the case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Governor of H.M. Prison, Holloway; the case of a Registered Nurse reported by the police authorities; information received concerning a Registered Nurse; the case of Beryl Eira Morgan, S.R.N. 72441, deferred from the Council on February 27th, 1942, which was dismissed with a caution, and the case of Euphemia Stewart Shillinglaw, R.F.N. 9575, also deferred from Council on February 27th, 1942, and which was dismissed with a caution.

### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for March 26th, at 2.30 p.m.

### REMARKS.

#### Badges.

Registered Nurses are informed that owing to shortage of materials and labour, there is some delay in supplying badges, so a little patience will be exercised by those ordering them we feel sure.

#### 2,965 Removed from Register.

The report that 2,965 nurses who, having failed to pay their retention fee for 1943, should be removed from the Register, is a very serious admission, and is not to be accounted for by carelessness alone. We believe many of these nurses feel strongly that the suggestion by the Minister of Health that their Headquarters may be commandeered for the benefit of semi-trained nurses is a violation of contract, and a gross injustice, and, as they express it: "I'm off, and not another penny of my money shall they have, I won't be classed with gamps." A disastrous policy so far as their own interests are concerned. We advise Registered Nurses to fight for their rights and not to desert their profession—they alone will be the sufferers.

#### WOMEN IN THE POST-WAR WORLD.

Lady Beveridge, wife of the Sir William Beveridge, told women recently in connection with International Women's Day, that they would have to fight for their rights if they wish to play a bigger part in shaping the post-war world.

"When victory is won, women must educate themselves to understand and take decisions upon the burning questions of their own country and of others," she said. "There is an immense untapped source of power in the capacity of women to influence home and world affairs—I do not mean by great militant organisations, but just through the individual woman herself seeing to it that she gains the knowledge required and brings her experience and intelligence to bear in using it to win the peace in a better world.

"Women will have to become more vote-conscious and more politically minded. They must send the right men and women to Parliament and keep them up to the mark."

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