

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 May 28th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Assistant Nurses' Committee.

The Chairman announced that the following names of members of Council had been submitted to form the Assistant Nurses' Committee:—

Dame Ellen Musson, Miss D. M. Smith, Miss A. M. Burgess, Miss F. M. Campbell, Dr. Macaulay and Miss E. C. Pearce.

The Minister of Health had sent the following names:—

Miss R. Dreyer, Acting Matron-in-Chief, London County Council; Miss L. Snowden, Lady Supervisor, Essex County Council; and Mrs. W. L. Ford, Matron, Wordsley Hospital, Stourbridge, State Registered Nurses; and Mrs. Henry Brook, a member of Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

The name of the practising Assistant Nurse was still to come from the Minister.

It was proposed by Miss H. Dey, seconded by Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, and agreed that these persons form the Assistant Nurses' Committee, the first meeting to be held on June 11th.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from Mrs. Whitehurst relinquishing with much regret her seat on the Council, owing to great calls upon her time. It was agreed to accept her resignation with regret, and the Chairman invited the Council to forward nominations for this seat as soon as possible, bearing in mind that when Mrs. Whitehurst was elected to the Council she was Matron of a provincial hospital.

Visit of Investigation.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the Minister of Health concerning the visit of officials for investigation into the working of the General Nursing Council, which was found to be, on the whole, economical.

The Chairman pointed out that accommodation at Headquarters was strictly limited, and would only be sufficient for extra staff for a period.

More furniture would be needed for the new department, a few old Army tables could be put to use, but desks, chairs and filing cabinets would have to be purchased.

The Registrar was empowered to spend up to £100 without waiting for permission from the Council.

Final Examination.

The Chairman reported that the results of the successful candidates for the Final Examination were as follows:—

General Nurses	3,320
Male Nurses	17
Mental Nurses	57
Nurses for Mental Defectives ...	3
Sick Children's Nurses	160
Fever Nurses	451

4,008

This is the highest number of passes recorded.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were:— General Part of the Register, by reciprocity, 4; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 6, by reciprocity, 4. Total, 16.

It was agreed that 413 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Applications were approved for schemes of affiliation included in the Register, should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

Applications were approved for schemes of affiliation, approval as training schools and extension of schemes of affiliation.

Pre-nursing Courses were approved as recommended by the Board of Education.

General Purposes.

The Council went *in camera* to consider the revision of the scale of salaries payable to administrative and clerical staff.

Also to consider the staff required for the compilation in accordance with the Nurses' Act, 1943, of (a) the Roll of Assistant Nurses, and (b) the List of Trained Nurses.

It was agreed that the requisite staff be appointed subject to the sanction of the Minister of Health.

Disciplinary Case.

The case of Lily Elizabeth Maley, S.R.N. 46421, was before the Council.

Miss Maley was charged at the Clerkenwell Police Court with stealing a table cover and quantity of china to the value of £5 from a house which had been empty for months and which was thought to be abandoned.

Miss Maley was a Health Visitor in a poor district where T.B. patients were often found to be drinking out of cracked jars. Miss Maley intended giving the china to her patients.

Miss Maley was bound over in her own recognisance in the sum of 40s. for 12 months.

The Council considered the case *in camera* and the Council postponed their Judgment on the facts proved against Lily Elizabeth Maley, S.R.N. 46421, for a period of one year.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for June 25th.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

Final Examination, April, 1943.

Register.	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
General—						
First entries	3,486	100	3,377	2,810	568	16.52%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	197	8	189	107	82	43.38%
" Part "	606	20	586	394	192	32.76%
" Total "	4,289	137	4,152	3,320	892	
Male—						
First entries	18	2	16	15	1	6.25%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	1	—	1	1	—	—
" Part "	1	—	1	1	—	—
" Total "	20	2	18	17	1	
Mental—						
First entries	76	12	64	42	22	34.37%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	20	—	20	5	15	75%
" Part "	22	1	21	10	11	52%
" Total "	122	13	109	57	52	
Mental Defective—						
First entries	6	1	5	3	2	40%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Part "	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Total "	6	1	5	3	2	
Sick Children—						
First entries	165	5	160	145	15	9.37%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	1	—	1	1	—	—
" Part "	23	1	22	14	8	36.36%
" Total "	189	6	183	160	23	
Fever—						
First entries	519	21	498	421	77	15.46%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	11	1	10	8	2	20%
" Part "	29	2	27	22	5	18.51%
" Total "	559	24	535	451	84	

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