

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the office of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on June 25th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

It was agreed to send the congratulations of the Council to Mr. Eason, a former member, upon the honour of knighthood being recently conferred upon him.

### Business Arising out of the Minutes.

The Chairman reported that Miss Elizabeth Tracy, of Boundary House, Uttoxeter, Derby, was the fifth member of the Assistant Nurses Committee appointed by the Minister of Health.

The first meeting of the Assistant Nurses Committee had taken place on June 11th, and Dr. H. M. C. Macaulay had been elected Chairman, when the Committee had considered conditions under which existing assistant nurses can be enrolled.

It was reported that the Minister of Labour had invited members of the Council and of the General Nursing Council for Scotland to attend a meeting of the National Advisory Council for the Recruitment and Distribution of Nurses and Midwives at St. James's Square, S.W., on June 16th, to consider recruitment of nurses for the Tuberculosis Sanatoria. Members of Council who were invited to attend were Miss D. M. Smith, Dr. W. Russell Brain, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss A. Catnach, Miss L. G. Duff Grant, Miss D. A. Lane (who did not attend), Miss E. E. P. MacManus and Miss E. C. Pearce.

### Election of New Councillor.

The names of four ladies nominated to serve on the Council in the place of Mrs. Whitehurst, resigned, were considered, and a ballot was held. The successful candidate was Miss A. M. Rose, S.R.N., Matron of the City Hospital, Nottingham.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £750 for weekly salaries, £100 for postage, £40 for insurance stamps, £15 for petty cash and £6,000 for examiners' claims were allowed.

Estimates to the amounts of £477 2s. 2d. and £26 13s. 4d. in respect of stationery were accepted.

### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by examination 219, by reciprocity 3; supplementary part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by examination 17, by reciprocity 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination 42, by reciprocity 1. Total 284.

It was agreed that 119 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 copies of Registers of Nurses have been received from the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland; the Nurses' and Masseurs' Registration Board, Brisbane, Queensland; and the Department of Public Health, Hobart, Tasmania.

### Education and Examination.

Provisional approval as a complete training school, approval of scheme of affiliation, continuation of approval of hospitals as training schools, and pre-nursing course were agreed.

### Male Nurses Claim to be placed on the General Part of the Register.

Miss E. C. Pearce asked if the matter concerning the male nurses was not to be brought before the Council;

the Chairman informed her that it was referred to the next meeting of the Education Committee.

### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Solicitor to the Council had been instructed to take action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses Registration Act against two persons who have falsely represented themselves to be Registered Nurses.

### General Purposes.

The purchase of filing cabinets for the Assistant Nurses' Department was considered, and it was agreed that 10 cabinets be acquired at a cost of £304 15s. 10d.

### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for July 23rd.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider scale of salaries; information received concerning a Registered Nurse; and an application for the restoration of name to the Register.

## REMARKS.

### THE ENTRY OF REGISTERED MALE NURSES ON GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

To the question asked by Miss E. C. Pearce, "If the matter concerning the Male Nurses was to be brought before the Council?" the Chairman replied that "It was referred to the next meeting of the Education Committee."

This is an important matter and was referred to in a recent issue of *The Public Assistance Journal* as follows:

#### REGISTERED MALE NURSES.

#### SOCIETY STATES CASE FOR ENTRY ON GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

The Society of Registered Male Nurses has sent the following letter to every member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, to Lord Horder (as Chairman of the Nursing Reconstruction Committee), to the Council of the Royal College of Nursing, to Mr. Ernest Brown (Minister of Health), to Mrs. Bennett, D.N., S.R.N. (Secretary to the Nurse Recruitment Committee), and to Mr. Messer, M.P., J.P.:

"On May 12th, 1943, Mr. Glavin, Secretary of the Society of Registered Male Nurses, and myself appeared before a committee of the General Nursing Council for the purpose of amplifying our previous request that the Registered Male Nurse should be entered directly upon the General Part of the Nursing Register.

"In view of the fact that this matter will be brought before the whole Council at some future date, we feel that a statement on the subject may help you when you come to consider it. Our reasons for this request are as follows:—

1. A Complete Training School for Registered Male Nurses is also a Complete Training School for Registered Nurses.

2. The Preliminary examinations are identical for all Student Nurses.

3. The Final examination differs in one respect only: female nurses are set one question on a gynaecological subject, while male students have one question on a male genito-urinary subject.

4. Nurses of either sex are permitted the same title, *i.e.*, S.R.N.

5. Registered Male Nurses holding their Teacher's Certificate are training female students for the General Part of the Register.

6. Universities granting the D.N., and the authorities examining for the Nurse Teacher's Certificate, recognise the training and status of Registered Male Nurses as being co-equal with that of the female nurse.

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