

and the Final Examination for Nurses for Mental Defectives were invited to meet the Committee to discuss the revision of the Examination Syllabuses for the Certificate of Mental Nursing and the Certificate of Mental Defective Nursing, and that a Sub-Committee has been set up to deal with the matter.

General Purposes.

It was agreed that men be eligible for appointments on the staff of the Council.

Assistant Nurses.

It was reported that the draft Rules relating to Admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses by Examination be approved and submitted to the Minister of Health for approval.

It was agreed that the Amendments to the Syllabus of Subjects of Examination for Admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses, together with the Amendments to the Preface, be approved and submitted to the Minister of Health for approval.

It was agreed that the Schedule of Practical Ward Work and Ward Instruction in Nursing Observations and General Nursing be approved.

It was agreed that 507 applicants, whose applications have been found to be in order, be approved for enrolment and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Disciplinary Cases.

The case of Helen Josephine Medhurst, S.R.N. 128292 sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for stealing from a London store, was considered, and the Council agreed to postpone judgment for a year, Miss Medhurst to put herself under medical treatment.

Amendment to the Rules of the Council.

The Council, in Committee, considered:—

- (1) Amendments to the Rules of the Council.
- (2) The Revised Syllabuses of Subjects of Examination for admission to the various Parts of the Register, and a proposed Comprehensive Scheme of Training.

It was agreed that a Conference be arranged to take place in November between members of the General Nursing Council and representatives of various organisations likely to be interested in these matters.

The Council then met *in camera* to consider the case of Registered Nurse reported by the Police Authorities; to consider the case of Margaret Lumsden Grant Robertson, deferred from last meeting of the Council; to receive the recommendation that Authority be given to enter into negotiations in regard to an extension of the premises of the Council.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for October 27th at 2 p.m.

THE FINAL STATE EXAMINATION.

The Final State Examination for the General and the Supplementary Parts of the Register has recently been held, and the list of questions appear practical. We note that credit is given for simple, clear diagrams, and for legible handwriting. The latter requirement is of the utmost importance, as of late years writing has apparently been a negligible quantity—the calligraphy of the average person is extremely illegible and a terrible waste of time for those to whom letters are addressed.

Government Departments are great offenders where signatures are attached—often being a mere scratch.

REVISED SYLLABUSES OF SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION.

The Council had before it for consideration a Revised Syllabus of Subjects of Examination for admission to the various parts of the Register and a proposed comprehensive Scheme of Training. The Education and Examination Committee recommended the approval of attached drafts.

(A) Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for:—

I. Certificate of General Nursing:

Preface (Paper A);

Preliminary Examination.

Preliminary Examination (Paper B)—This is the Portal Examination for admission to all parts of the Register.

Final Examination (Paper C).

II. Certificate for Sick Children's Nurses (Paper D).

III. Certificate of Fever Nursing (Paper E).

(B) Proposed Comprehensive Scheme of Training (Paper F).

The Education and Examination Committee recommend that this draft preface be approved.

SYLLABUS OF SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL NURSING.

PREFACE.

The examination for admission to the Register is taken in two stages and consists of:—

Preliminary Examination.—The Preliminary Examination, which must be taken by all nurses whether training for the General or for a Supplementary Part of the Register. This examination is in two parts. Part I. includes the subjects of anatomy, physiology and hygiene. Part II includes the subjects of first aid and nursing.

Part I.—Part I may be taken:—

(a) Before entry to a training school, on completion of an approved Course of Instruction, as prescribed in the rules, or

(b) After entry to a training school, on completion of not less than six months' training, or

(c) Together with Part II.

Part II.—Part II. may be taken at any time after completion of not less than one year's training, provided that Part I. has been passed, or is taken at the same time.

Final Examination.—The Final Examination, which differs according to the part of the Register to which the candidate seeks admission. For the General Part of the Register it covers the remaining subjects of this syllabus (Theory and Practice of Nursing (*continued*), Medicine and Medical Nursing, Surgery and Surgical Nursing, Gynaecology and Gynaecological Nursing, Pediatrics and the Nursing of Sick Children), and those included in the Nurses' Chart attached.

This examination may be taken at any time after the completion of the prescribed years of training, provided that the Preliminary Examination has been already passed.

A nurse presenting herself for the Final Examination may be questioned on any of the subjects for the Preliminary or Final Examinations.

The Council strongly recommend that candidates be advised to take a course up to School Certificate standard in Elementary Physics, Chemistry and Biology before entry to a training school.

For the parts of the Register for Male Nurses, Mental Nurses, Sick Children's Nurses and Fever Nurses, the Final Examination for each part covers the subjects contained in the syllabus drawn up for the special training proper to that part, and in the Nurse's Chart or Schedule attached to it.

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