

**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 Friday, April 28th. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., presided.

It was reported that the Minister of Health had approved the appointment of an Assistant Accountant, salary £330—£430; Second Assistant Principal Clerk, £250—£330; Principal Clerk in the Uniform Department, £250—£330.

**Finance.**

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,100 for weekly salaries, £100 for postage, £50 for Insurance stamps, and £20 for petty cash were allowed.

**Registration.**

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by reciprocity, 6; Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Diseases, by reciprocity, 2; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 3; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 14, by reciprocity, 1. Total, 26.

It was agreed that 384 nurses who have hitherto not paid their retention fee, and now wish their names included in the Register, should be re-included.

**List of Nurses.**

Applications for admission to the List of Nurses were: General Nurses, 125; Male Nurses, 2; Nurses for Mental Diseases, 7; Sick Children's Nurses, 1; Fever Nurses, 20. Total, 155.

It was reported that copies of the Register of Nurses for 1944 have been received from the Nurses' Registration Board of the Australian Capital Territory.

It was agreed that Sir John Catlow, J.P., be appointed Returning Officer for Election of Council, December, 1944, at a fee of 175 guineas, and that a fee of 50 guineas be paid to the Deputy Returning Officer.

**Education and Examination.**

Correspondence was considered from the United States Committee for the Care of European Children, inquiring whether training in hospitals in America would be recognised by the General Nursing Council in the case of British subjects evacuated as a war-time measure to the United States, and it was agreed—

"That as a war-time measure, training schools for Nurses in the United States of America which satisfy the requirements of the Council shall be accepted as training schools for the purposes of the Council's rules relating to examinations, provided that a candidate for any of the Council's examinations who has attended such school:—

(a) Is a British subject who was evacuated to the United States of America during the present war between Great Britain and Germany;

(b) has returned to Great Britain during the present hostilities or has done so within six months of the cessation of hostilities between Great Britain and Germany, or such other period as the Council may decide;

(c) has undergone not less than 18 months' training in one of such schools, and has, if necessary, completed her full period of training as soon as is practicable in an approved training school in England and Wales; and

(d) if such candidate has undergone her complete training in the United States of America, sits for the Council's examinations within one year of the cessa-

tion of hostilities between Great Britain and Germany, or such other period as the Council may decide."

It was reported that a conference with representatives of the Royal College of Nursing, King's College of Household and Social Science, and Battersea Polytechnic to discuss the Course for Nurse Teachers will be held on May 4th, 1944, at 2.30 p.m., at the offices of the Council.

Applications for approval of hospitals as affiliated training schools for General Nurses were approved.

Continuation of approval of hospitals as training schools for Nurses was approved.

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

**Next Meeting of the Council.**

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for May 26th.

**REMARKS.**

The following correspondence has taken place between the British College of Nurses Ltd., and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES LTD.,  
19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

To April 20th, 1944.

CHAIRMAN,

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

DEAR MADAM,—We have been requested by members of this College to ask for information from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales concerning the uniform of Assistant Nurses, which is arousing both feeling and discussion in various institutions.

(1) Are there any provisions in the Nurses Act, 1943, concerning the uniform of Assistant Nurses, if so of what nature?

(2) Are Assistant Nurses at liberty to use any uniform they choose when sent into institutions, *i.e.*, may they adopt the uniform of the Matron, Sisters and Staff Nurses?

(3) Are Assistant Nurses permitted to assume the title of Sister when working in private houses or institutions?

I shall be greatly obliged if you will supply us with this information for the benefit of my Council so that we may be able to reply to enquiries.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

ALICE STEWART BRYSON,  
*Secretary.*

Reply.

May 2nd, 1944.

DEAR MADAM,—I am requested by the Chairman of the Council to acknowledge your letter received on 24th April in reference to the uniform for Assistant Nurses.

(1) The Nurses Act 1943, section 2 (1) (e) makes provision for a uniform for enrolled Assistant Nurses.

Your enquiries (2) and (3) do not come within the scope of the General Nursing Council. It would appear to the Chairman to be a matter for action by the authorities of the institution concerned, should an Assistant Nurse sent to the institution adopt the particular uniform of the Matron, Sisters or Staff Nurses of that institution.

The Chairman would further refer you to Section 7 (2) of the Act which requires that:

"A person carrying on an agency for the supply of nurses shall, at the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner, give to every person to whom he supplies a nurse, midwife or other person a statement in writing in the prescribed form as to the qualifications of the person supplied."

Yours faithfully,

G. E. DAVIES,  
*Registrar.*

The Secretary,  
The British College of Nurses Ltd.

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