

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 26th. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., presided.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from the General Nursing Council for Scotland concerning the setting up of Examinations for Sister Tutors. This was referred to the Education and Examination Committee.

The University of London has agreed to a prescribed course of training for Nurse Teachers. An Advisory Committee has been set up, and their report approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The University is prepared to institute a Sister Tutor Diploma. This matter was referred to the Education and Examination Committee.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,175 for weekly salaries, £250 for postage, £60 for Insurance stamps, £15 for petty cash, and £10,000 for Examiners' claims were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Part of the Register, by reciprocity, 5; Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Diseases, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 12, by reciprocity, 1. Total, 20.

It was agreed that 128 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

List of Nurses.

Applications for admission to the list: General Nurses 120; Male Nurses, 4; Nurses for Mental Diseases, 3, Sick Children's Nurses, 2; Fever Nurses, 22. Total, 151.

It was reported that a copy of the Register of Nurses for 1944 has been received from the Medical Council of Southern Rhodesia.

Education and Examination.

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, was held on May 4th.

The status of persons admitted to the List of Nurses (under Section 18 of the Nurses Act, 1943) in reference to appointments as Matrons in Training Schools was considered, and it was agreed that the Matron of a Training School for Nurses should be a Registered Nurse, but that recognition of a Training School shall not be refused solely on the grounds that the Matron is not on the Register, if the Matron is on the List of Nurses maintained by the Council under the Nurses Act, 1943, and was on June 1st, 1944, Matron of a Training School already approved by the Council.

General Purposes.

It was agreed that Miss E. M. Piller, S.R.N., Principal Clerk in the Registrar's office, be promoted to the post of Second Assistant Registrar; Miss D. S. Leedham, Principal Clerk in Accounts Department, be promoted to the post of Assistant Accountant. It was reported that Miss N. Peters, S.R.N., Miss C. C. Fraser, Miss N. Winborn, and Miss D. Collett, have been appointed to posts of Principal Clerks on the staff of the Council.

Assistant Nurses.

The draft Syllabus of Subjects of Examination for admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses, and the draft Course of Instruction (Curriculum) for Assistant Nurses was considered.

The training to extend over two years; one year to be spent in a General Hospital with chronic sick, and men, women and children patients; the other year to be spent in a General Hospital, Fever Hospital or Tuberculosis Sanatorium, or a combination of the three. A period of four weeks to be spent in a Preliminary Training School.

Some members of Council did not think they had had sufficient time to consider the draft Syllabus.

Several members of Council thought the Syllabus provided subjects too far advanced for girls who had no secondary school education.

The Chairman of the Assistant Nurses' Committee, Dr. H. M. C. Macaulay, explained that the Syllabus was only in draft form, and promised the Council they would have an opportunity of discussing it again.

He wished to congratulate Miss Dreyer, Mrs. Ford and Miss Snowden, members of the small sub-Committee which had drawn up the Syllabus.

It was agreed that a Conference be held at the offices of the Council on June 13th, to consider the Syllabus of Subjects of Examination for admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses and the Course of Instruction (Curriculum).

It was agreed to invite one representative from the Association of Hospital Matrons, the County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association, the Royal College of Nursing, the Association of Fever Matrons, the Tuberculosis Association, the Society of Registered Male Nurses, the Association of Assistant Nurses, the British College of Nurses, Ltd., the Master and Matrons' Association, a representative of Superintendent Nurses, and a representative from any other bodies which seemed desirable.

It was agreed that Miss Beatrice Gebhard, S.R.N., formerly Matron, Central Middlesex County Hospital, and Miss Winifred May Louisa Selmes, D.N., S.R.N., Sister Tutor, Whiston County Hospital, Prescot, Lancs., be appointed Inspectors of Training Schools for Assistant Nurses at a commencing salary of £425 per annum, plus travelling and subsistence allowances. Miss Blanche Elizabeth Felton, S.R.N., Matron, County General Hospital, Worksop, be appointed failing acceptance of the post of either of the above.

It was agreed that the nurse in charge of a Training School for Assistant Nurses should be a Registered Nurse, but that recognition of a Training School shall not be refused solely on the grounds that the nurse in charge is not on the Register if she is on the List of Nurses maintained by the Council under the Nurses Act, 1943, and was in charge of the Training School in question on June 1st, 1944:

Disciplinary Case.

The case of Lily Elizabeth Maley, S.R.N., 46421 (judgment deferred by Council on May 28th, 1943), was considered *in camera*, and it was agreed that the case be dismissed.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider the report on the interview held with representatives of the Minister of Health to discuss various matters on which Counsel's opinion had been obtained in connection with the work of the Registration Committee, and the Education and Examination Committee.

Next Meeting of the Council.

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

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