

need of support. The "Pound" does not go far nowadays, and our Committee is unwilling to increase board charges to our residents whose incomes are certainly of less value than they were.

With renewed thanks and best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. JEFFREY, *Matron*.

P.S.—One of your subscribers, a Glasgow "Royal" Nurse, has been resident here for many years. She is 85 and frail now, unable to do much for herself, but is at present sitting in garden in the sunshine.

DE-GRADING OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS WILL BE FOUGHT TO THE DEATH.

Since commenting in another column on the action of the London Branch of the Royal College of Nursing in objecting to grant the demand of the recently-formed Association of Assistant Nurses for affiliation with the College, our attention has been drawn to the *News Sheet* recently issued by the London Branch of the Royal College, in which it is reported that in hesitating to affiliate Assistant Nurses it expresses the inaccurate opinion "That the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is clearly the appropriate body; it was formed for the purpose of co-ordinating all Associations of Trained Nurses."

This statement is totally inaccurate. The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, founded in 1904, has, since the passing of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, been composed of "Professional Associations of State Registered Nurses," and upon this basic qualification forms part of the International Council of Nurses.

To attempt the de-grading of this legal standard of the National Council of Nurses would, of course, be met by the most determined opposition upon the part of its organisers. The suggestion merely adds insult to injury.

Sooner or later it was inevitable that the Royal College would be called upon to pay the penalty for its professional disloyalty, and having hall-marked the unqualified nurse, it is responsible for her protection. The sooner therefore it divests itself of the delusion that the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will pull the chestnuts out of the fire, the better.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Swindon and North Wilts Victoria Hospital, Swindon.—Miss L. V. Stanford, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and at the Hospital for Sick Children, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh; Assistant Matron at the East Surrey Hospital, Redhill; Night Sister at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.; and Children's Ward Sister at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield.

SISTER TUTOR.

The Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby.—Miss G. M. Morrison, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, and has been Matron at the Crowborough Cottage Hospital; Sister Tutor at the Bexhill Hospital; Sister Tutor at the Wimbledon Hospital; and Ward Sister and Night Sister at the London Jewish Hospital, Stepney Green.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Plymouth City General Hospital.—Miss Catherine E. Clarke, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, where she was later Ward Sister, and has been Night Sister at the West Middlesex County Hospital, Isleworth, and Deputy Home Sister and House-keeping Sister at Staines County Hospital, Ashford, Middlesex.

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 June 23rd. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., Chairman, presided.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,250 for weekly salaries, £200 for postage, £60 for insurance stamps, £10 for petty cash, and £7,000 for examiners' claims and examinations accommodated were allowed.

Estimates of £513 13s. 4d. for 50 copies of the Supplemental Register for the purposes of the Election of Council, and £9 14s. 6d. for 250 Questionnaires for Training Schools for Assistant Nurses, and 250 Lists of Equipment for Training Schools for Assistant Nurses were accepted.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 13; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 13, by reciprocity, 6. Total, 33.

It was agreed that 103 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.

It was agreed that 46 general nurses, 5 nurses for mental diseases, 3 sick children's nurses, and 27 fever nurses be admitted to the List of Nurses.

It was reported that copies of the Register of Nurses for 1944 have been received from the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Northern Ireland, and the Nurses' Registration Board, Brisbane, Queensland.

Education and Examination.

Continuation of approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Nurses were agreed, pre-nursing courses, recommended by the Board of Education, were considered and approved.

Assistant Nurses.

It was reported that the Assistant Nurses' Committee has considered a Report on the Conference held on June 13th 1944, to consider the Syllabus of Subjects of Examination, for admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses, and the Course of Instruction (Curriculum) for Assistant Nurses.

The Assistant Nurses' Committee have considered the comments made by Members of Council at the last meeting, and have made certain amendments to the Draft Syllabus of Subjects of Examination for admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses and the Draft Course of Instruction (Curriculum).

It was agreed that this Draft Course of Instruction be approved, and the Draft Syllabus be submitted to the Minister of Health.

The details of qualifications to be entered in the Roll of Assistant Nurses in respect of existing and Intermediate Assistant Nurses were considered, and it was agreed that in the column headed "Qualifications" shall be entered the number of the Rule under which the applicant is eligible for admission to the Roll.

It was agreed that 29 applicants to the Roll of Assistant Nurses whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for enrolment, and the Registrar instructed to enter their names in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

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