

It was reported that copies of the Register of Nurses for 1945 have been received from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, the General Nursing Council for Eire, the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland; the Nurses' Registration Board, Hobart, Tasmania; the Nurses' Registration Board, Western Australia; and the Madras Nurses' and Midwives' Council.

Education and Examination.

Extracts relevant to the previous recommendations of the Committee from letter dated July 23rd, 1945, from the Minister of Health, regarding recent proposed amendments and additions to the Rules of the Council were considered, and after a good deal of discussion, a draft reply was approved.

It was reported that the Education and Examination Committee had met representatives of the Nursing Reconstruction Committee to discuss Supplement A to Report on Education and Training—Minimum Standards for Nurses Training, in relation to the proposed Comprehensive Scheme of Training for admission to the General Part of the Register drawn up by the Council.

A letter was considered from the Minister of Health regarding arrangements which have been made for financial assistance to be given to candidates for Sister Tutor Courses, and it was reported that Miss D. M. Smith will represent the Council on the Selection Board, Miss M. Houghton acting as her deputy when Miss Smith is unable to attend Meetings of the Board.

Correspondence was considered with the Secretary, British Hospitals' Association, regarding the constitution of the Nursing Advisory Committee of that Association, and a draft reply was approved.

Approval of Hospitals as Training Schools and Pre-Nursing Courses were agreed.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that 1,604 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for enrolment, and the Registrar was instructed to enter their names in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

House Committee.

It was reported that No. 17, Duchess Mews (flat and garage) has been let to Messrs. Montague L. Meyer, Ltd., for residential purposes, the lease to be for five years, at an inclusive rent of £275 per annum for the first three years and £500 per annum for the remainder of the term, both the Council and the lessees having power to determine the lease at the end of the third year.

Disciplinary Case.

The Council went *in camera* to consider the case of Helen Josephine Medhurst, S.R.N. 128292, R.S.C.N. 4757 (deferred from Council on September 29th, 1944) which was dismissed; and also two cases of Registered Nurses reported by the Police Authorities, and two other cases concerning Registered Nurses.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for October 26th.

FAREWELL RECEPTION TO BELGIAN SISTER-TUTORS.

A farewell reception for the Belgian Sister-Tutors who have been on a visit to this country under the auspices of the British Council, was held at the Belgian Institute, 6, Belgrave Square, on October 11th, at 8 p.m., to give them an opportunity of saying good-bye to the matrons and sisters who have looked after them at various London hospitals.

NURSING POLITICS.

It is with sincere satisfaction that we learn that Mr. H. N. Linstead, M.P. for Wandsworth-Putney, has tabled a motion to annul the Draft Nurses' Regulations under Proviso B, Section 1, of the Nurses Act, 1943, which gives "Christian Science Nurses" the right to use that title, though untrained and refusing to work under medical direction.

Commander Clark Hutchison, M.P. for Edinburgh West, has tabled a similar motion in regard to the Scottish Act.

We advise Registered Nurses to communicate at once with these Members of Parliament and urge them to take action to prevent further injury to standards of national health and the sick by urging the revision of the whole Act, which under Regulation 19 compels Registered Nurses to finance its most injurious provisions. The whole country is suffering from a shortage of educated nurses, and will continue to do so until justice prevails. We will not finance quacks.

War-time nurses, with good nursing experience, if they decide to make Nursing their career, will be allowed six months' remission in their training for State Registration.

Formal rules to give effect to the scheme are now being prepared by the two General Nursing Councils for submission to Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, and Mr. Joseph Westwood, Secretary for Scotland.

Meanwhile, the two Ministers, in view of the urgency of attracting recruits to nursing, have written to all authorities concerned asking them to bring the scheme to the notice of all who may qualify for the concession.

The concession, agreed to in principle by the General Nursing Councils, will apply to all those who have had suitable nursing experience in the Armed Forces, or as nursing auxiliary members of the Civil Nursing Reserve, British Red Cross Society, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.

Our advice to women desirous of becoming State Registered Nurses is to conform to the complete curriculum of instruction and training, and not to submit their professional status in the future to any ambiguity where their profession is concerned.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, September 28th, 1945.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair.

Remission of Training.

The Council confirmed their previous decision to grant a remission of six months' training in the case of Members of the Nursing branches of the Services, Nursing Auxiliaries and V.A.D. members of the Red Cross; St. Andrew's Ambulance Association and St. John Ambulance Brigade, who fulfil certain conditions.

Such persons will be able to enter for the nursing part of the Preliminary Examination before entering upon training or enter for the whole Preliminary Examination as soon as they complete six months' training.

Finance.

The Report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved and the accounts passed for payment.

Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of Council be held on Thursday, 25th October, 1945.

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