

entry thereto shall be in accordance with pre-war arrangements and three examinations shall be held annually in February, June and October.

It was agreed that candidates attending the Nursing Courses, which are due to terminate at the end of the summer term, shall be admitted to Part I of the Preliminary Examination in June, subject to an undertaking by the authorities of the Pre-Nursing Course that the candidates in question complete their Course of Instruction.

Provisional approval, approval as affiliated Training Schools, additional schemes of affiliation, continuation of approval of hospitals, and Pre-Nursing Courses were agreed.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that 731 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.

Applications were received from St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping; St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford; St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay; and Orsett Lodge Hospital, Orsett, Grays, for approval as Training Schools for Assistant Nurses, and approved.

Election of Committees.

An election took place for seats on the Education and Examination Committee, the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee, the General Purposes Committee, and the Assistant Nurses' Committee.

Taken in Camera.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider action to be taken with regard to the extension of office premises.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for February 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.

LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES, 1945.

Finance Committee: Mr. Buckley, Miss Campbell, Sir Henry Gooch, Miss Duff Grant, Lady Limerick, Miss Pearce, Mr. Walton, Miss Willis.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee: Mr. Buckley, Miss Calder, Mr. Craddock, Miss Dey, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Hillyers, Miss MacManus, Miss Willis.

Registration Committee: Miss Alexander, Mr. Buckley, Miss Campbell, Mr. Craddock, Miss Hillyers, Miss Houghton, Miss Lane, Miss Willis.

Mental Nursing Committee: Dr. Russell Brain, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Craddock, Miss Hillyers, Miss Lane, Miss Pearce, Dr. Rees Thomas, Miss Willis.

Education and Examination Committee: Miss Alexander, Miss Campbell, Miss Catnach, Miss Dey, Miss Hillyers, Miss Holland, Miss Houghton, Miss Lane, Dr. Macaulay, Miss MacManus, Miss Pearce, Miss Watt.

General Purposes Committee: Mr. Buckley, Miss Dey, Miss Holland, Miss MacManus, Mr. Walton, Miss Willis.

Uniform Committee: Miss Alexander, Miss Campbell, Miss Houghton, Miss Lane, Miss Watt, Miss Willis.

The Chairman of Council and Vice-chairman are *ex officio* members of all committees.

THOUSANDS OF NURSES FAIL TO RE-REGISTER.

We have received the following paragraph from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales:—

There are still many thousands of Registered Nurses who have not yet forwarded their Retention Fees for 1945. As there was unavoidable delay in issuing Retention Fee notices last year an extension of time for payment is being

allowed, but those who have not yet sent their fees should do so immediately. By an amendment to the Rules of the Council approved by the Minister of Health, the amount of the Retention Fee has now reverted to 2s. 6d. The full name, registration number and permanent address should be quoted in letters accompanying the fee, which should be sent to The Registrar, 23, Portland Place, W.1. An addressed envelope should be enclosed in which the receipt for the fee will be posted.

REGISTERED NURSES DECLINE FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION.

We have no doubt that the majority of these delinquents may result from the disorganised condition of nursing at the present date, but we most earnestly advise every Registered Nurse to conform to the necessity of annual re-registration, as they are the only individuals which omission injures.

Many Registered Nurses, with whom we have come into contact, are determined not to re-register owing to the re-imposition of the higher registration fee by the Minister of Health so long as their fees are pooled, to finance unqualified competitors, the Assistant Nurse.

A much wiser plan upon the part of nurses, who feel the indignity and injustice by which they have been treated by Parliament by the passing of the Nurses Act, 1943, without any consultation with them, would be to write to the Minister of Health and invite him to amend Rule 19 of the Act and place their Profession, as enfranchised British subjects, on a just financial basis.

EXTENSION OF OFFICE PREMISES.

The Headquarters of the Registered Nurses, for which they have paid, have naturally been overcrowded by the influx of workers in the organisation of the Assistant Nurses' Roll, and it has become apparent that extension of premises is necessary.

Who is going to pay for this extension should it be agreed? We fear, as the Council has gone *in camera* on this question, that full open discussion will not take place in Council before this new responsibility is undertaken.

We are fully aware that it cannot be paid for out of the guinea fee provided in the Act to be paid by Assistant Nurses for all professional privileges.

This is a very serious matter and should be debated in public Council before there is a chance of Registered Nurses being compelled to further finance the de-gradation of their own professional standards.

WELL-TO-DO AUTOCRATS DEFINE SECOND-RATE STANDARDS OF NURSING FOR THE DEFENCELESS POOR.

It will be no surprise to the Nursing Profession that the four hospitals primarily approved as Training Schools for Assistant Nurses should be in Essex, which has been the pioneer district to adopt the de-grading standard of nursing for some years past.

With the 731 Nurses enrolled at this meeting of the Council brings the number of these unqualified women to 2,395 in competition with Registered members of the Nursing Profession, and encourages county and borough councils to provide themselves for the poor under their direction a standard of sick attendance of cheap and semi-qualified standards of nursing. In our opinion, a very serious attack upon the standard of nursing which it is the duty of all bodies to provide for those classes unable to protect themselves.

LIST OF NURSES.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales announce that the latest date for application for admission to the List of Nurses, set up under Section 18 of the Nurses Act, 1943, is April 22nd, 1945.

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