

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, on December 22nd, 1944.

A copy of a Minute from the General Nursing Council for Scotland was reported, paying tribute to the work of Dame Ellen Musson during her 18 years' Chairmanship of the Council.

The draft rules for the training of Assistant Nurses had been received; they were referred to the Assistant Nurses' Committee for study.

As the Nurses Act in South Africa had become law, it was reported that the South African Medical Council would now cease to function. They thanked the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for the cordial relations that had always existed between the two bodies.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,700 for weekly salaries (five weeks), £300 for postage, £20 for petty cash, and £70 for Insurance Stamps were allowed.

Estimates for stationery to the value of £711 17s. were agreed.

Registration.

It was reported that the number of successful candidates at the September Examinations were: General Register, 2,819; Supplementary Parts of the Register for Male Nurses, 10; Nurses for Mental Diseases, 49; Nurses for Mental Defectives, 10; Sick Children's Nurses, 123; Fever Nurses, 306. Total, 3,317.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by Examination, 317; by reciprocity, 5; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses, by Examination, 3; for Nurses for Mental Diseases, by Examination, 3; for Sick Children's Nurses, by Examination, 25; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 60; by reciprocity, 1. Total, 414.

It was agreed that 63 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names included in the Register, should be included.

List of Nurses.

It was agreed that the names of 29 General Nurses, one Male Nurse, one Nurse for Mental Diseases, one Sick Children's Nurse, and five Fever Nurses should be admitted to the List of Nurses.

Education and Examination.

It was agreed that the following clause be added to Rule 43 (b) of the Rules made under Section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943, prescribing the qualifications of Sister Tutors as approved by Council on September 29th, 1944:—

"(ix) Or such experience as the Council may approve, including not less than two years' whole-time experience in the teaching of nursing prior to December 31st, 1939."

It was agreed that the above amendment, the draft reply to the General Nursing Council for Scotland, be now approved.

It was reported that the Education and Examination Committee has received a deputation of County Officers of the Essex Education Committee to discuss the question of the recognition of the certificate issued on completion of the Part-time Course for Sister Tutors held at the South-West Essex Technical College as a qualification of Sister Tutors to be accepted by the Council in the case of applications made before December 31st, 1946, and it was agreed that the following clause be added to Rule 42 (b) of the

Rules made under Section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943, prescribing the qualifications of Sister Tutors as approved by Council on September 29th, 1944.

"(vi) Sister Tutor Certificate of the South-West Essex Technical College and School of Art."

It was reported that the Committee has given further consideration to the question of qualifications of Sister Tutors to be accepted by the Council in the case of applications made before December 31st, 1946, and it was agreed:—

"That the following clause be added to Rule 42 (b) of the Rules made under Section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943, prescribing the qualifications of Sister Tutors as approved by Council on September 29th, 1944:—

(vii) Diploma in Nursing of the University of Leeds or the University of London, and in addition must submit evidence of not less than two years' whole-time experience in the teaching of nursing prior to December 31st, 1946;

and further that Clause (vi) be re-numbered Clause (viii) and be amended by the insertion of the word 'teaching' before the word 'diploma' in line 1, and by the substitution of the words 'teaching of nursing' for the words 'preparation of candidates for the Council's examinations' in lines 2, 3 and 4, the whole clause to read as follows:—

(viii) Such other teaching certificate or teaching diploma as may be acceptable to the Council, and in addition must submit evidence of experience in the teaching of nursing for at least three years prior to December 31st, 1946."

Applications for approval of hospitals as Affiliated Training Schools for Nurses were agreed. Applications for additional schemes of affiliation were approved; continuation of approval of hospitals as Training Schools for Nurses were agreed; and Pre-nursing Courses were approved.

Assistant Nurses.

A Report on the meeting with representatives of the Royal College of Nursing, held on November 3rd, 1944, to discuss the Syllabus of Subjects of Examination for admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses was considered, and some amendments were agreed.

It was agreed that 613 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.

THE ELECTION OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

Statement of Returning Officer.

Sir John Catlow, who was the Returning Officer for the election, presented an admirable Report in detail of the election of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, of which the following information is awaited by the Nursing Profession.

The following are the results:—

1.—NURSES REGISTERED ON THE GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

<i>Elected.</i>			
Pearce, E. C.	...	...	17,713
MacManus, E. E. P.	...	...	16,312
Alexander, C. H.	...	...	16,086
Dey, H.	...	...	15,120
Jones, M.	...	...	14,782
Smith, D. M.	...	...	14,288
Hillyers, G. V. L.	14,174
Grant, L. G. D.	13,819
Houghton, M.	13,703
Holland, D. L.	13,327
Calder, J. McK...	13,070

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