

by the Council on November 23rd. Further agreed to invite representatives of the Joint Examination Board of the British Orthopaedic Association and the Central Council for the Care of Cripples to meet the Committee for discussion; it is hoped that this meeting will take place on January 2nd, 1946, at 2.30 p.m.

A letter dated November 7th, 1945, was considered from the Minister of Health, referred by Council on November 23rd, regarding the implementation of the Council's requirements in regard to Preliminary Training Schools and the daily average occupation of beds in Hospitals approved as Training Schools, and the question of the reintroduction of the Test Examination. The Committee noted the Minister's decisions and agreed that these points be discussed at the meeting to be held with representatives of the Minister as approved by Council, November 23rd, 1945.

A letter was considered, dated December 4th, 1945, from the Minister of Health, asking the Council's observations on representations received by the Minister from the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, and the Secretary of State for Air, that the concession of six months' reduction in the period of training for admission to the Register to persons with not less than two years' good war-time Nursing experience be increased in suitable cases. It was agreed that the Council send a reply stating that the Council cannot agree to an increase in the concessions already granted.

It was agreed that the whole-time Course of instruction and training of one year's duration for the Sister Tutor's Diploma provisionally approved by the University of London, at King's College of Household and Social Science for the session 1946-1947, be similarly approved by the Council, and that registered nurses who obtain the Sister Tutor's Diploma of the University of London on completion of such Course be entitled to receive from the Council a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor.

It was agreed that the whole-time Course of instruction and training of one year's duration for the Sister Tutor's Diploma provisionally approved by the University of London, at Battersea Polytechnic, London, commencing in January, 1946, be similarly approved by the Council, and that registered nurses who obtain the Sister Tutor's Diploma of the University of London on completion of such Course be entitled to receive from the Council a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor.

Continuation of approval of Hospitals and pre-Nursing Courses were agreed.

#### General Purposes.

It was agreed that Miss M. F. Hughes be appointed Inspector of Training Schools, the appointment to be on a temporary basis for a period of one year for reconsideration at the end of that period. (The salary for this appointment is £425 per annum, plus travelling and subsistence allowances.)

#### Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that the 1,206 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for enrolment and the Registrar was instructed to enter their names on the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Hempstead House, Hemel Hempstead; Haymeads Hospital, Bishop's Stortford; Oster House Public Assistance Institution, St. Albans; Chalkdell House Hospital, Hitchin; and Hillcrest Institution, Leicester, were provisionally approved as Complete Training Schools for Assistant Nurses for a period of two years.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for January 25th, 1946.

## AN IMPORTANT ADMISSION.

The following correspondence between the Editor of this journal and Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, is of the utmost importance, as it is an admission that the Registered Nurses financed the inauguration of the Assistant Nurses' Roll, and the expenditure on which is not to be available for their inspection.

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DEAR MISS DAVIES,—As the Assistant Nurses' Roll has now been compiled for upwards of twelve months, I shall be obliged if I may have a copy of the Balance Sheet of the cost of compiling this Roll.—I am, Yours sincerely,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,  
*Hon. Editor.*

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND  
AND WALES,  
23, Portland Place, London, W.1.

November 5th 1945.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—I have to acknowledge your letter of October 24th.

The Council's account for the year ending March 31st, 1945, has not yet been audited by the Government Auditors. There is no separate balance sheet in respect of the Roll of Assistant Nurses.—Yours sincerely,

G. E. DAVIES, *Registrar.*

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, *Editor,*  
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This very serious admission must now be given the utmost publicity.

## THANKS FROM THE EDITOR.

With sincere appreciation the Editor desires to express her gratitude to readers from many parts of the world, including all the self-governing Dominions, and the United States of America, for their very kind expressions of appreciation for the policy of the JOURNAL and their good wishes for her health and happiness during the coming year.

With this issue, January, 1946, she has helped to publish close on two thousand issues, bound in 93 volumes, containing reports of the current events in the nursing world since the commencement of the organisation of nursing as a profession since the year 1892, when she entered into personal relations with leading nurses in the United States, including Miss Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., Editor of "The History of Nursing," who, we rejoice to know, is still alive.

The Editor has been wonderfully blessed, in that she is still able to correct small type without spectacles, after a service of close on half a century.

The 93 bound volumes are available for study by members at the British College of Nurses, at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, a privilege of which Registered Nurses should avail themselves who intend to maintain their profession from further de-grading, now that it is in active competition with hundreds of untrained Assistant Nurses and other unqualified persons.

The circulation of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has greatly increased during the past year, and the Editor wishes those who support its policy to obtain as many new subscribers as possible for 1946.

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