

Department from the third floor to the top floor at 23, Portland Place.

It was agreed that a Cook Caterer be appointed for the canteen at a salary of £300 per annum.

#### Assistant Nurses.

Applications for approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Assistant Nurses were received from the Public Health Department, Exeter; the Medical Officer of Health, Oxford; and from Nottinghamshire County Council, and approval granted.

It was reported that 3,039 applicants had been approved for enrolment in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

#### House Committee.

It was agreed that estimates to the value of £814 9s. 4d. be accepted in connection with equipment for 17, Portland Place.

It was agreed that in order to avoid delay in the purchase of necessary equipment for the canteen, the Registrar be authorised to incur expenditure up to a sum not exceeding £500 in order that such equipment may be purchased as and when it becomes available.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider the case of a Registered Nurse; the case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Police Authorities; and an application for Restoration of Name to the Register. The Council also considered *in camera* the position in regard to the requirements as to increase in staff throughout the offices; and the necessity for further extending the premises of the Council.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

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

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held on Friday, September 27th, 1946. Miss E. Brodie, M.B.E., the Vice-Chairman, who occupied the Chair, before commencing the business of the Meeting paid tribute to the memory of the late Chairman, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D.

#### Education, Examination, and Registration

Reported that approval was given to the Pre-Nursing Course at Torphichen Street School under the Edinburgh Education Authority.

Reported that provisional approval was given to the Pre-Nursing Course at Hyndland Senior Secondary School, Glasgow, under the Glasgow Education Authority.

Reported that approval was given to the following Hospitals to train Male Nurses for the Male Nurses and Fever Parts of the Register.

Royal Northern Infirmary, Inverness—Male (General).

City Hospital, Aberdeen—Male (Fever).

Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy—Male (Fever).

Reported that 25 Nurses had attained the age of 21 since last meeting and had now been registered; reported 16 applications for reinclusion in the Register after non-payment of the Retention Fee—granted. Reported four applications for Registration by Reciprocity from Nurses already registered with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales—granted. Reported one application for a duplicate Certificate of Registration—granted.

#### Council.

Reported that the Rules for the Training and Examination of Assistant Nurses had been signed on behalf of the

Secretary of State for Scotland and now came into force.

Reported that nine applications for Registration as a Sister Tutor were considered and accepted.

#### Finance.

The proceedings of the Finance Committee were approved and the accounts were passed for payment.

#### Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that next meeting of Council be held on Friday, October 25th, 1946.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR.

The Editor desires to express her most grateful appreciation for all the kind letters, flowers, sweets and other things from so many parts of the world, which her colleagues have so generously sent to her during the month. She regrets she is still confined to bed owing to her unfortunate accident.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS AND THE TERM "NURSE".

On October 14th, Mr. Alfred Edwards, M.P. (Soc.) moved a prayer in Parliament to annul the Nurses Amendment Regulations, 1946, and allow Christian Science workers to call themselves "nurses." Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health, in reply, said that this would "frivolously offend" the Nursing Profession. The prayer was defeated.

The truth is that the Brown-Bevin Bill was drafted in 1943 without consulting the Nursing Profession, the result being that it practically cut at the root of that profession.

The fact that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales at its last meeting registered 3,039 Assistant Nurses, means that they must take the blame for this disastrous policy. In our opinion, in a very short time, the profession of nursing will be devoid of any standards whatever.

## WHAT TO READ.

#### MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "The Duke." Wellington. Richard Aldington.
- "Queen Adelaide." Mary Hopkirk.
- "Secret Session Speeches." Winston Churchill.
- "Pilgrims and Pioneers." Sir Harry Brittain, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.L., LL.D.

#### FICTION.

- "Where are You Going?" Ruby M. Ayres.
- "Servants of the Future." Mary Mitchell.
- "The House in Fishergate." Michael Harrison.
- "Every Good Deed." Dorothy Whipple.
- "The River Road." Frances Parkinson Keyes.
- "Palladian." Elizabeth Taylor.
- "Golden Autumn." Emmeline Morrison.
- "English Maiden." Frank Swinnerton.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Forward to Victory." Messages to his Armies. Field-Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, G.C.B., D.S.O.
- "Where Man Belongs." H. J. Massingham.
- "The Last Tide." Trevor Heselwood.
- "Appointment with Destiny." Rosita Forbes.

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