

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on November 29th, 1946.

Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., Chairman, presided.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from the Minister of Health sanctioning the appointment of Miss M. G. N. Henry, S.R.N., as Registrar to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Miss Henry has held the appointment of Assistant Registrar for a few years.

A letter was reported from Miss G. E. Davies, retiring Registrar, asking that her resignation take effect from December 31st, 1946, instead of in May, 1947, on the advice of her medical adviser.

The Council agreed to this request, and placed on record their appreciation of her services to the Council as Registrar from 1934 to 1946.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £4,250 for Weekly Salaries, £600 for Postage, £80 for Petty Cash, £250 for Insurance Stamps, and £12,000 for Examiners' Claims, were allowed.

Estimates for Stationery to the value of £404 15s. 9d. were accepted.

It was reported that on the advice of the Bank Manager, the Redemption Money in respect of the holding of £5,000 Local Loans Stock be re-invested in 2½ per cent. Treasury Stock, 1975 or after. This was agreed.

Registration.

It was reported that the first volume of the Register of Nurses for 1946, with the List of Nurses appended, has been received from the printers. The volume contains the following numbers:—

General Part of the Register	...	...	...	105,051
Supplementary Part of the Register for:—				
Male Nurses	...	...	...	506
Nurses for Mental Diseases	...	...	...	4,628
Nurses for Mental Defectives	294
Sick Children's Nurses	4,244
Fever Nurses	10,805
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				125,528

List of Nurses:—

General Part	1,543
Supplementary Part for:—					
Male Nurses	79
Nurses for Mental Diseases	...	...	...	...	105
Nurses for Mental Defectives	1
Sick Children's Nurses	60
Fever Nurses	342
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					2,130

It was agreed that the names of 71 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

The question of reducing the detail and pressure of work in connection with Meetings of the Education and Examination Committee was considered, and it was agreed that the Council delegate to the Committee the power to approve Hospitals as Training Schools, and to report to the Council the names of Hospitals so approved, provided

that power to withdraw such approval be not delegated to the Committee.

Applications for approval of Hospitals as Training Schools, Additional Scheme of Affiliation, Continuation of Approval of Hospitals, and Pre-Nursing Courses, were agreed.

At the Examinations held in October, the following numbers of candidates who were successful were announced:

Preliminary Examination:	Part I and Part II	...	1,595
	Part I only	...	1,141
	Part II only	...	1,097
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			3,833

Final Examination:

General Nurses	2,506
Male Nurses	30
Mental Nurses	63
Nurses for Mental Defectives	7
Sick Children's Nurses	121
Fever Nurses	180
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					2,907

Mental Nursing.

The necessity for appointing an additional Inspector of Training Schools to the Staff of the Council to carry out visits to Mental Hospitals in connection with the handing over to the Council of the Examinations of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was considered, and it was agreed that the Minister of Health be asked to sanction the appointment of an additional Inspector of Training Schools to the staff of the Council.

General Purposes.

It was agreed that in future, to reduce the detail and pressure of work in connection with meetings of the Committee, information as to the amount of correspondence dealt with in the office be omitted from the Report of the Committee.

It was agreed that Miss E. M. Piller, S.R.N., Second Assistant Registrar, be promoted to the post of First Assistant Registrar, in place of Miss M. G. N. Henry; Miss I. F. Mews, S.R.N., Enrolment Officer, be promoted to the post of Second Assistant Registrar (1), in place of Miss E. M. Piller; and Miss C. H. Milligan, S.R.N., Principal Clerk in the Registrar's Office, be promoted to the post of Second Assistant Registrar (2).

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that applications for admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses as Intermediate Assistant Nurses be considered from persons who would have been eligible to make application for admission as Existing Assistant Nurses but who failed to do so before the closing date for receiving such applications—i.e., February 3rd, 1946—and who have undergone the necessary qualifying nursing experience for admission to the Roll as Intermediate Assistant Nurses, be accepted and the Minister of Health be informed of this decision. It was also agreed that the matter then be given wide publicity in the Nursing and daily Press.

Applications for approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Assistant Nurses were received from the Public Assistance Officer, Northampton; the County Medical Officer, Lancashire; the Public Assistance Officer, Southampton Borough Council; the Public Health Committee, Barnsley Borough Council; and the Medical Officer of Health, South Shields, and agreed.

There were 1,010 applicants approved for the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

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