

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 June 28th. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., Chairman, presided.

The Minister of Health has agreed to extend for one year the enrolment of Assistant Nurses with intermediate qualifications.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £2,000 for Weekly Salaries, £250 for postage, £100 for insurance stamps and £40 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration.

It was agreed that the names of 113 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 Examinations.

The receipt of a letter was reported from the Hon. Secretary, Isle of Man Medical Society, enclosing a copy of a Nurses' and Midwives' Bill, 1946, to be enacted in the Isle of Man, the purpose of the Bill being to restrict the use of the name of "Nurse" or "Midwife," and to regulate agencies for the supply of nurses for the sick. It was noted that the explanatory memorandum to the Bill contained a reference to the fact that nurses trained in hospitals in the Isle of Man approved by the General Nursing Council as Training Schools are admitted to the examinations of the Council; the Education and Examination Committee raised no objection to this point.

Draft amendments to the Rules drawn up in consultation with the Council's Solicitor regarding the six months' reduction in training for admission to the Register in the case of persons with good war time nursing experience, were approved, and it was agreed that they be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval.

Draft amendment to the Rules, drawn up by the Council's Solicitor, making provision for candidates who have failed to pass the final examination on three occasions to undergo further training before re-entering for the examination was approved, and it was agreed that it be submitted to the Minister of Health for his approval.

Approval was granted to various hospitals as Complete Training Schools for Assistant Nurses in place of approval as Affiliated Training Schools for General Nurses.

Approval was granted to hospitals as Training Schools for Male Nurses.

Pre-Nursing Courses were approved.

General Purposes.

It was agreed that in view of the present day delay in publication an advertisement inviting applications for the once, post of Registrar to the Council be issued to the Press at

It was agreed that the Registrar be authorised to purchase additional equipment for the offices, including 17, Portland Place, as a result of the increased staff and accommodation, at a sum not exceeding £200.

Assistant Nurses.

It was reported that Dr. H. M. C. Macaulay has been re-elected Chairman of the Assistant Nurses Committee.

The Committee directed the Registrar to remove from the Assistant Nurses Roll the name of Lilian Marjorie Norris, Enrolled Assistant Nurse No, 1875.

It was agreed that an Assistant Nurse whose name appears on the Roll of Assistant Nurses be entitled to call herself a State Enrolled Assistant Nurse, and to use the letters "S.E.A.N." after her name.

Applications for approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Assistant Nurses were considered from the Medical Officer of Health, Worcester; the County Medical Officer, Bedfordshire; the County Medical Officer, Lancashire; the Medical Officer of Health, Manchester; the Public Assistance Officer, Salop County Council; the County Medical Officer, Surrey; the County Medical Officer, West Suffolk.

It was agreed that 749 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 Council then went *in camera* to consider further business.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for July 26th.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held on Friday, June 28th, 1946. In the absence of Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., owing to illness, Miss E. Brodie, M.B.E., occupied the chair.

Education, Examination and Registration.

Reported that 495 nurses had passed the Council's recent Final Examinations and that 20 nurses who had now attained the age of 21 had been registered since the last meeting.

Reported three applications for registration by reciprocity from nurses already registered with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. These applications were approved.

Council.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the Council approved arrangements made at two of the Department of Health's Hospitals, namely, Stracathro Hospital, Brechin, Angus, and Law Junction Hospital, Carlisle, Lanarkshire, for training nurses for both the General and Male Nurses Part of the Register, and also for an intensive 12 months' course of training for ex-Service Nursing Orderlies with certain qualifications.

It was reported that the Rules made under Section 3 of the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, as extended by Section 13 of the Nurses' (Scotland) Act, 1943, prescribing qualifications of Sister Tutors, and the Amendment to Rules under Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, to permit remission of training for persons with war-time nursing experience had been approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Finance.

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

Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Council be held on Friday, July 26th, 1946.

A NURSE AS CHAIRMAN.

Whilst regretting that illness prevented Sir John Lorne MacLeod from taking the Chair at the recent Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and wishing him a complete recovery, it was with a keen sense of satisfaction that we learned that the Chair had been taken by Miss Elizabeth Brodie, M.B.E., R.G.N., F.B.C.N., a prominent member of the Nursing Profession in Scotland.

We hope the day will not be far distant when Scottish nurses will follow the example of their English sisters and elect a member of their own profession as Chairman of their governing body.

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