

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 September 26th. Miss D. M. Smith, Chairman, presided.

Dr. H. M. C. Macaulay was congratulated upon his appointment as Chief Medical Officer, North Western Metropolitan Region.

It was reported that the Minister of Health has noted with regret the action of British Columbia; the Report of the Working Party is being considered by the Minister of Health.

It was reported that in future the Rules of the General Nursing Council will be governed by the Statutory Instrument Act; will be printed by H.M. Printers and sold to the public from H.M. Stationery Office.

Finance

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £2,100 for Weekly salaries, £500 for Postage and £30 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Stationery estimates to the value of £198 10s. 8d. for Assistant Nurses Committee election were agreed; £2,696 8s. 10d. for printing 150 copies of Roll of Assistant Nurses; £194 7s. 7d. for Stationery; and £172 6s. 6d. for Examinations Stationery.

It was agreed that a fee of 75 guineas be paid to the Returning Officer for conducting the forthcoming Assistant Nurses Committee Election.

Registration

Applications for Registration were: General Register by reciprocity 80; Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Diseases by reciprocity 17; for Sick Children's Nurses by reciprocity 9; for Fever Nurses by reciprocity 51; by examination 27; total 138.

It was agreed that 143 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was reported that applications from 313 Nurses for Certificates of Registration as Sister Tutors have been found to be in order.

It was agreed that an asterisk be placed against the entry in the General Part of the Register, and in the Part of the Register for Male Nurses, as the case may be of each applicant, denoting that she has received a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor.

It was agreed that the provisional approval accorded by the University and the Council to the course of training for the Sister Tutor's Diploma of the University of London provided by King's College of Household and Social Science in the session 1946-47 be confirmed; that the course be approved for a further period of five sessions, viz., 1947-52; and that Registered Nurses who obtain the Sister Tutor's Diploma of the University of London on completion of such courses be entitled to receive from the Council a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor.

Approval was granted to Hospitals as Training Schools, pre-nursing courses were approved.

Mental Nursing

Correspondence with the Royal Medico-Psychological Association regarding the delay in implementing the agreement between the Association and the General Nursing Council was considered, and various questions were raised by members of Council.

The draft letter to the Minister of Health concerning this matter was amended and agreed.

Assistant Nurses

Hospitals as Training Schools for Assistant Nurses were approved.

It was agreed that the names of the 1,147 applicants, whose applications have been found to be in order, be entered in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Disciplinary Cases

The case of Elizabeth Joan Brixey, R.M.N.9405 was considered, and judgment was postponed for six months.

The case of Etheldene Gwladys Rees, S.R.N.56596 was considered, and judgment postponed for one year.

Next Meeting of the Council

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for October 24th.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby. Miss Gladys Charlton, S.R.N., S.C.M. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London; at the Hull Royal Infirmary; and at the Leeds Maternity Hospital. Miss Charlton has held posts as Ward Sister, North Suffolk Hospital; Ward Sister and Sister Tutor at the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Hull; Sister Tutor at the Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary; Assistant Matron at North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough; Matron at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn General Hospital; and Matron at the West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead.

Yarrow Home of Westminster Hospital, Broadstairs. Miss Kay R. Brown, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Children's Hospital Chelsea; and at the Westminster Hospital, London, where she was later Ward Sister, and Out-Patient Sister. Miss Brown has also been Assistant Housekeeping Sister at University College Hospital, London; Home Sister, Deputy Matron, and Assistant Matron, at the Royal Eye Hospital, London, S.E., and Matron at the Brentwood District Hospital, Brentwood, Essex.

Whitehaven and West Cumberland Hospital. Miss Elsie Cook, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Preston Royal Infirmary, where she was later Private Ward Sister, and Night Superintendent. Miss Cook has also been Staff Nurse at the London Clinic; Home Sister, and Assistant Matron at the District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne; she holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Westminster Hospital; and the Orthopaedic Certificate of the Liverpool Open Air Hospital for Children, Leasowe, Cheshire.

St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham. Miss Agnes Nora Dixon, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, where she held posts as Staff Nurse, Male Surgical Ward Sister, Female Surgical Ward Sister. She has also been Relief Sister for St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, and Sister Tutor, Royal Cripples' Hospital, Northfield, Birmingham. Miss Dixon took the Sister Tutor's Course at King's College, London, and the Housekeeping Course at St. Chad's Hospital.

Winford Orthopaedic Hospital, near Bristol. Miss Nellie N. Wood, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained in Orthopaedic Nursing at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, and in General Nursing at St. George's Hospital, London. Miss Wood has been Assistant Matron at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore; and Matron at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, London.

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