THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A preeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held on September 26th, 1947, Miss E. Brodie, M.B.E., occupied the chair.

Registration as Sister Tutors was granted to five Registered General Nurses who hold the Sister Tutor Certificate of the University of Edinburgh,

Approval was given for the names of 69 persons to be enrolled on the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Education, Examination and Registration.

Approval was given to a Pre-Nursing Course instituted at New Cumnock Academy, Ayrshire.

The names of 37 Nurses who had passed the Council's examinations and had now attained the age of 21 were submitted and their registration approved.

Reported 18 applications for reinclusion in the Register after non-payment of the annual retention fee—these

applications were approved.

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Reported three applications for Registration as a General Nurse and two applications for Registration as a Fever Nurse from Nurses already registered with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Applications were also received for Registration as General Nurses from two nurses already registered with the Nurses Board of New South Wales, Australia, and from one Nurse already registered with the South African Nursing Council. All these applications for Reciprocal Registration were considered and approved.

Finance.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved and the accounts passed for payment.

It was agreed, in view of the heavy cost of printing, not to publish the Assistant Nurses Roll for this year.

Date of next, Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Council be held on Friday, October 31st, 1947.

NOTIFICATION OF ACUTE RHEUMATISM.

For the next three years acute rheumatism (rheumatic fever), including valvular heart disease of rheumatic origin, is to be made a notifiable disease in children under the age of 16 years in Bristol, Grimsby, Lincoln and Sheffield, and the administrative County of Lindsey.

The Minister of Health (Mr. Aneurin Bevan) has made regulations under the Public Health Act, 1986, instituting notification of all cases in these areas to the Medical Officer of Health. The regulations came into operation on October

1st, 1947.

The purpose is to gain information which may assist in the prevention, early diagnosis and adequate treatment of rheumatic heart disease and other forms of acute rheumatism.

As a result of representations made to the Minister by his Medical Advisory Committee the Royal College of Physicians in April, 1946, appointed a special committee to consider the prevention and management of rheumatic heart disease. This committee, known as the Rheumatic Fever Committee, recommend that notification should be given a trial in a limited number of areas where there are adequate arrangements for supervision and treatment as well as facilities for assessing the value of the procedure. The new regulations, Isnown as the Acute Rheumatism Regulations, 1947, are the outcome.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Sheffield Street Hospital, Kingsway, London, W.C.—Miss A. M. Hevey, S.R.N.; has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Fulham; Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister at St. Stephens Hospital, London; Ward Sister at the Horton E.M.S. Hospital; Sister in Charge and Administrative Sister at Shirley Clinic; and Matron and deputy Superintendent at the Girls' Remand Home, Marlesford Lodge, London.

County Hospital, Farnborough. Miss Christina Catherine Peake, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Infirmary, Nottingham, and has been Assistant Matron at the County Hospital, Orpington; Matron at the County Hospital, Dover; and Matron at the Willesborough Hospital.

Hertford County Hospital. Miss Eva Baker, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, and was Hospital Silver Medallist; she received her House-keeping Training at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Miss Baker has held posts as Night Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Deal; Ward Sister at Stroud General Hospital, Gloucestershire; Ward Sister at the Royal United Hospital, Bath; Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Moorfields); Sister Tutor and Home Sister at Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury; and Matron at the Skin Hospital, George Road, Birmingham. She is Examiner for Final Hospital Nursing Examination, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham; and Examiner for Combined Preliminary Training School Examination at the Accident Hospital, Birmingham.

Leigh Infirmary, Lancs. Miss M. Annand, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Arbroath Infirmary, and has been Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Montrose, and Matron at the Ian Charles Cottage Hospital, Grantown-on-Spey.

St. Mary's Hospital for Mental Diseases, Melton, Wood-, bridge, Suffolk. Miss Annie Aves, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained in General Nursing at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich; in Mental Nursing at Kent County Mental Hospital, Chartham; in Midwifery at the City of London Maternity Hospital; and in Housekeeping at King's College Hospital, London. Miss Aves has been Ward Sister at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital from 1939-1946, served with the Territorial Army Nursing Service in France and India, was for one year Matron of 1,000-bedded Psychiatric Hospital, India Command, and since January, 1947, has been Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor of the Norfolk County Mental Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich.

. ASSISTANT MATRON.

Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, Miss L. B. Gabbetis, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, and at the Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle -on-Tyne. Miss Gabbetis has been Staff Nurse at the Bradford Royal Infirmary; Theatre Sister at Ashton-under-Lyne; Out-Patient Department Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Hull; Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Leicester Royal Infirmary; Home Sister at the County Hospital, Lincoln; and Assistant Matron at the District and General Hospital, Kidderminster.

Kidderminster and District General Hospital. Miss E; J. Lewis, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Macclesfield, where she later became Ward Sister, Theatre Sister, Home Sister and Assistant Matron.

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