

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.1, on January 24th, 1947.

Election of Chairman.

As there was only one nomination for the position of Chairman, Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

There was only one nomination for the Vice-Chairmanship, so Miss M. Jones, O.B.E., was re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,700 for Weekly Salaries, £1,000 for Postage, £100 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash, were allowed.

It was agreed to accept the estimate of £7,397 9s. 5d. for the first 100 sets of three volumes of the Register of Nurses, and £204 14s. 9d. per 100 sets beyond of three volumes done at the same time.

Estimates for Stationery to the value of £2,235 19s. 4d. were accepted.

Registration.

It was agreed that 127 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee and now wished their names included in the Register, should be reincluded.

It was reported that the following number of Nurses were registered during 1946 :—

	By Examina- tion.	By Reci- procity.	Total.
General Part of the Register	6,906	186	7,092
Supplementary Part of the Register for :—			
Male Nurses	75	3	78
Nurses for Mental Diseases	161	42	203
Nurses for Mental Defectives	12	1	13
Sick Children's Nurses ...	336	35	371
Fever Nurses	698	42	740
	<u>8,188</u>	<u>309</u>	<u>8,497</u>

Total number of Nurses registered from September, 1921, to December, 1946 :—

		Including by Exami- nation.
General Part of the Register ...	146,039	102,269
Supplementary Part of the Register for—		
Male Nurses	731	491
Nurses for Mental Diseases ...	9,727	2,567
Nurses for Mental Defectives ...	568	186
Sick Children's Nurses	6,305	5,059
Fever Nurses	16,579	13,946
	<u>179,949</u>	<u>124,518</u>

Education and Examination.

It was agreed, in reply to an inquiry received from the Medical Director-General of the Navy, as to whether Wren Sick Berth Staff trained in the Royal Naval Hospitals and Sick Quarters may be admitted to the Council's Examinations, that a Conference be arranged to discuss the matter further.

It was agreed that a person holding the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association who makes application for admission to the Mental Part of the Register be allowed to commence a reduced period of training for admission to any other part of the Register as from the date on which she makes such application; provided that, if when her application is considered, she is found to be ineligible for admission to the Mental Part of the Register she be required to undergo the full period of training for admission to the other part of the Register.

It was agreed that a person admitted to the Mental Part of the Register by virtue of holding the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association be not required to pass the Preliminary Examination of the Council before being admitted to the Final Examination for admission to any other Part of the Register.

Approval was granted to Hospitals as Training Schools for Nurses, and the Nursing Courses recommended by the Ministry of Education were approved.

Mental Nursing

The receipt of a letter from the Minister of Health was reported regarding matters relating to the handing over to the Council of the Examinations of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. In accordance with the decision agreed upon by Council and by the R.M.P.A. the authorities of hospitals approved as training schools by the R.M.P.A. (a list of which were before the Council) have been informed that provisional approval as Training Schools for Nurses for Mental Diseases or Nurses for Mental Defectives, as the case may be, has been granted by the Council to the Hospitals for a period of three years.

Assistant Nurses

It was reported that application had been received for approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Assistant Nurses from the Medical Officer of Health, Liverpool, the County Medical Officer, Kingston-upon-Thames, and the County Public Assistance Officer, Worcester, which was granted.

It was agreed that 2,551 applicants, whose applications were found to be in order, be approved for enrolment in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

It was reported that 10,765 Assistant Nurses were enrolled during 1946, and the total number of Assistant Nurses on the Roll up to December 31st, 1946, is 24,612.

Disciplinary Case

It was reported that Miss Mary Theresa McKinney, S.R.N. 56471, had been found guilty of thefts at Birmingham and the Registrar was directed to remove the name of Mary Theresa McKinney from the Registrar of Nurses.

Application for Restoration of Name to Register

An application had been made by Miss Theresa McConnell for restoration of her name to the Register, and in accordance with Rule 26, Part VI, the Registrar was directed to re-include the name of Theresa McConnell, R.F.N. 10064, in the Part of the Register for Fever Nurses.

The Council then went *in camera*, to consider the present financial position of the Council; three cases of nurses reported by the Police Authorities, and the question of superannuation in the case of (1) Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar on her retirement after 25 years 5 months' service on the staff of the Council; (2) Miss D. Dinwiddie, Assistant Examinations Officer, on her retirement after 23 years 5 months' service on the staff of the Council.

Next Meeting of the Council

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for February 28th.

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