

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 Friday, March 28th, 1947. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., presided.

Death of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

The Chairman reported the death on March 13th of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. An outstanding member of the Nursing Profession, she was well known for the part she played as a pioneer for the State Registration of Nurses. She was a member of the first Council, and served from 1920-1922. The Council stood in silence to her memory.

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, £500 for postage, £100 for insurance stamps, £12,000 for examiners' claims and hospital accommodation, and £20 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by reciprocity, 21; Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Diseases, by reciprocity, 2; for Nurses for Sick Children, by reciprocity, 3; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 8, by reciprocity, 3; total 37.

It was agreed that 369 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.

It was agreed that a reduction of six months during the first year of training for admission to the Register be granted to all Enrolled Assistant Nurses provided that the applicants enter for the first Preliminary Examination to take place following the termination of six months' training; failure in either part of the examination will necessitate the completion of the full period of training. And further that the Council's solicitor be asked to provide for this concession in the draft rules at present before the Minister of Health for approval.

Approval was granted to Hospitals as Training Schools, and Pre-Nursing Courses were agreed.

At the February Preliminary and Final State Examinations the following number of candidates were successful:—

Preliminary Examination.

Part I and Part II	...	...	...	...	1,751
Part I only	...	...	...	...	1,166
Part II only	...	...	...	...	1,271
					4,188

Final Examination—

General Nurses	...	...	...	...	2,079
Male Nurses	...	...	...	...	45
Mental Nurses	...	...	...	...	37
Nurses for Mental Defectives	...	...	...	...	3
Sick Children's Nurses	...	...	...	...	106
Fever Nurses	...	...	...	...	189
					2,459

Mental Nursing.

It was agreed that all hospitals approved as Training Schools for Nurses for Mental Diseases or Nurses for Mental Defectives shall be granted the same period in which

to carry out the Council's requirement regarding the compulsory establishment of Preliminary Training Schools, i.e., up to January 1st, 1950, as has been granted to those hospitals previously recognised as Training Schools by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association which received provisional recognition by the Council on January 1st, 1947, for a period of three years.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that provisional approval as a Training School for Assistant Nurses be granted to Barony Hospital, Nantwich.

It was agreed that Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, be withdrawn as a Complete Training School for Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that the names of 1,216 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be entered in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

House.

Estimates for £326 0s. 8d. were accepted for floor-covering for No. 17, Portland Place.

Disciplinary Case.

The case of Edith Morgan, S.R.N. 130612, was considered. At the Court of Summary Jurisdiction in Birmingham, she had been found guilty of stealing articles from stores, during a period of great stress and suffering from insomnia.

The Council went *in camera*, and decided to postpone their judgment on the convictions proved against Edith Morgan, S.R.N. 130612, for a period of two years.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for April 25th.

ULSTER IN REGENT STREET.

Number 13 evidently holds no terrors for the Ulster Government, for on March 17th, 1947, it opened a fine new Ulster Office in Regent Street at this number. The threefold purpose of their new office is "to facilitate trade between Ulster and Great Britain, to disseminate authentic information concerning Ulster and its life, and to encourage tourist travel."

It is interesting to note that amongst the materials used in the construction of the new premises is black granite from the Mourne Mountains, so that one can almost snatch a breath of sea air as one passes the beautiful new structure. In wishing a long and useful career and all success to the staff of the Ulster Office, one would like to strike a personal note by adding that it is quite time information regarding Ulster was spread far and wide in England. It is a glorious part of the world for holidays and the beauties of its coastal roads have to be seen to be believed. It is also a most industrious and prosperous corner of the British Empire and during the great world war just terminated we had ample evidence of its practical and priceless loyalty.

We heartily congratulate Ulster's Minister of Health on his forthright attitude to the Health Service of his country. He says: "We are not going to dragoon either the Medical Profession or the Hospital Authorities. We are not going to have a State-ridden organisation. We realise the vast amount of good work done by voluntary institutions and we owe them a debt of gratitude. If anyone is anxious to build a new hospital, maternity home, child welfare centre, a nurses' home, I say 'Go ahead with the job.'" Happy Northern Ireland, God bless Mr. William Grant.

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