

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on May 23rd. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., Chairman, presided.

The Chairman reported to the Council that she had attended the International Congress of Nurses at Atlantic City, U.S.A., and had read a Paper on Recent Legislation as it affects nurses in this country. Other countries were interested in the subject of the Assistant Nurse, and wanted to know what had been done in England.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £2,700 for weekly salaries, £550 for postage, £200 for Insurance stamps, and £20 for petty cash were allowed.

Estimates for stationery to the value of £154 4s. 8d. were accepted.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register by reciprocity, 28; Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Diseases by reciprocity, 4; for Sick Children's Nurses by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses by examination, 20, by reciprocity, 1. Total 55.

It was agreed that 104 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was reported that a copy of the Roll of Nurses for 1947 had been received from the Nurses' Board, Hong Kong.

Education and Examination.

The position of 14 hospitals, at present approved as Training Schools, which are unable to comply with the Council's requirement regarding the minimum daily average occupation of beds, was considered, and it was agreed that approval be withdrawn in three months' time.

The approval of 12 hospitals as affiliated Training Schools for General Nurses is to be withdrawn in three months' time. It was also agreed that the names of some other hospitals be removed from the list of approved Training Schools.

Provisional approval was granted to four hospitals as Complete Training Schools for Male Nurses.

Provisional approval was extended to five hospitals for a further period of two years.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The cases of three Registered Nurses reported by the police authorities were considered *in camera*. An application by a nurse for the restoration of her name to the Register was considered *in camera*.

General Purposes.

Equipment to the value of £299 1s. 1d. was approved.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that 1,246 applicants, whose applications have been found to be in order, be approved for enrolment, and their names entered in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Disciplinary Cases.

It was agreed that the name of Eileen Murray, S.R.N. 127135, R.S.C.N. 4470, be removed from the register.

The case of Margaret Nellie Kemp, S.R.N. 41829 was considered, and the Registrar was instructed to remove her name from the Register of Nurses.

The case of Hilda Betty Sutherland, S.R.N. 129576 (deferred from Council on July 26th, 1946) was considered, and the case was dismissed.

The next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for June 27th, 1947.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS SISTER TUTOR

Applications are invited for the certificate of registration as Sister Tutor from persons holding the requisite qualifications. Full information may be obtained from the Registrar, 23, Portland Place, W.1.

The final date for receiving applications from persons holding existing qualifications as Sister Tutors will be December 31st, 1947.

Letters of application should be accompanied by a stamped addressed foolscap envelope.

RULES MADE UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE NURSES ACT, 1943, PRESCRIBING QUALIFICATIONS OF SISTER TUTORS

39. The Council shall grant a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor (hereinafter referred to as "the Council's Certificate") in the form set out in the Third Schedule to these Rules to any person who makes application in writing to the Registrar and satisfies the following requirements:—

(a) (i) The applicant must be registered on the General Part of the Register or on the part for Registered Male Nurses, General trained.

(ii) The applicant must have undergone at least four years' experience in nursing since registration on any part of the Register, including at least two years' experience as Sister in charge of a Ward in an Approved Training School. Provided that until a date to be announced by the Council with the approval of the Minister, three years' experience in nursing including one year's experience in charge of a Ward as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be sufficient;

(iii) The applicant must have completed a whole-time Sister Tutor course* of two years' duration in an Institution approved by the Council in that behalf.

Provided that until a date to be announced by the Council with the approval of the Minister, a course of one year's duration shall be deemed to be sufficient;

(iv) The applicant must hold a Sister Tutor certificate* granted by a University approved by the Council in that behalf;

OR

(b) In the case of an application made before 31st December, 1947, or such extended period as the Council may decide in exceptional cases, the applicant must be registered on the General Part of the Register or on the part of the Register for Registered Male Nurses, General trained, and must possess at December 31st, 1946, one of the following qualifications:—

(i) Nurse Teacher's Certificate of the Royal College of Nursing;

(ii) Sister Tutor Certificate of King's College of Household and Social Science (University of London);

(iii) Sister Tutor Certificate of the Battersea Polytechnic;

* Note.—Sister Tutor certificate granted by a University on successful completion of one of the following courses which have been approved by the Council:—

University of Birmingham	...	...	...	{ 1945-46 1946-47
University of London:—				
Battersea Polytechnic, London	...	...	...	{ 1945-46 1946-47 1947-48
Royal College of Nursing, London	...	...	...	{ 1945-46 1946-47 1947-48
King's College of Household and Social Science, London	...	...	...	{ 1946-47 1947-48
University College, Hull	{ 1945-46 1946-47
University of Manchester	{ 1945-46 1946-47

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