

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 November 26th. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., Chairman, presided.

Correspondence.

A request from the South-West Regional Hospital Board was considered, inviting the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to nominate a representative upon the Hospitals Management Committee. It was ultimately agreed to be represented on this Committee.

A letter was reported from Miss E. E. P. MacManus, containing her resignation from the Council, as she would be much abroad in the near future, and would be unable to attend Council meetings.

It was agreed to accept the resignation, with regret, and Council were invited to send in nominations for appointment to this vacancy.

Finance.

Bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £2,000 for weekly salaries and Inspectors' expenses, and £750 for postage were allowed.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, schemes of affiliation and approval as training schools were agreed, and Pre-Nursing Courses were approved.

It was reported that at the October Examinations the following candidates were successful:

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| Preliminary Examination—Parts I and II | 1,875 |
| Part I only | 1,833 |
| Part-II only | 1,782 |
| | 5,490 |
| General Nurses | 2,011 |
| Male Nurses | 147 |
| Mental Nurses | 44 |
| Nurses for Mental Defectives | 2 |
| Sick Children's Nurses | 95 |
| Fever Nurses | 124 |
| | 2,423 |

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Wednesday, December 22nd.

TRAINING FOR WARD SISTERS.

King Edward's Hospital Fund is about to open a staff college to which State Registered Nurses may go for short courses in preparation for ward sisters' posts. It is considered that it would be very helpful to suitable candidates who have had at least a year's experience as staff nurses to take a short course in ward management to fit themselves to occupy these key posts. A venture of this kind may be one of the most effective steps which could be taken to prevent the loss of nursing staff from hospitals, and to bring about a better standard of staffing generally. If the experiment is successful it is hoped that it will be followed elsewhere so that courses become available in other parts of the country also.

The staff college, which is in South Kensington, is under the general guidance of a Committee of the Fund, and a Principal, Warden and other staff have been appointed. The courses will be of four months' duration and will be open in the first instance to nurses seconded for the purpose by Hospital Management Committees and Boards of

Governors in the four Metropolitan Regions. There are no fees and the whole cost of tuition and residence is being defrayed by the King's Fund. The scheme has the full support and active interest of the Ministry of Health.

The first course will be held early in 1949 (date to be announced later) and subsequent courses at four-monthly intervals.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

COUNTY INFIRMARY, LOUTH, Lincs.—Miss M. Bicknell, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, where she later held posts as Staff Nurse, Ward Sister, Night Sister and Night Superintendent. Miss Bicknell has also been Assistant Matron at the County Infirmary, Louth, since April, 1947.

SISTER TUTOR.

THREE COUNTIES MENTAL HOSPITAL, ARLESEY, BEDS.—Miss J. R. Brown, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N. (Lond.), has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Miller General Hospital and at the York Road Lying-in Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester; at the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells; and at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Brighton. Miss Brown holds Housekeeping and Nurse Teacher's Certificates.

ROYAL ASHRAF PAHLEVI SCHOOL OF NURSING, TEHERAN.—Miss Amy Walker, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the North Middlesex County Hospital, Edmonton; underwent two years' training in the nursing of tuberculosis at the Surrey County Sanatorium; and took a year's Sister Tutor's Course at Battersea Polytechnic. Since her training, Miss Walker has held posts as Staff Nurse, Ward Sister, Night Sister, and for the past two years has held the post of Sister Tutor at the Ashford County Hospital, Ashford, Middlesex.

NURSING SISTER.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S COLONIAL NURSING SERVICE, TANGANYIKA.—Miss A. G. Griffiths, S.R.N., has been appointed Nursing Sister. She was trained at Liverpool Open Air Hospital for Children; at the Victoria Central Hospital, Wallasey; at the Liverpool Maternity Hospital; and at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead. During the war Miss Griffiths served with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Miss K. L. Codd, S.R.N., has been appointed Nursing Sister. She was trained at the London Hospital; Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London; and Nether Edge Hospital, Sheffield. During the war Miss Codd served with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., and has been District Nurse and Health Visitor with the Gloucestershire County Nursing Association.

Miss G. I. Hood, S.R.N., has been appointed Nursing Sister. She was trained at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary; at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester; and at the Bristol Maternity Hospital. She has nursed at St. Brenda's Private Nursing Hospital, Bristol.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S COLONIAL NURSING SERVICE, NIGERIA.—Miss A. Pieri, S.R.N., has been appointed Nursing Sister. She was trained at Bootle General Hospital, Liverpool; at Walton Hospital, Liverpool; and at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital. Miss Pieri served with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. from 1942-1947.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S COLONIAL NURSING SERVICE, NORTH BORNEO.—Miss I. R. Heath, S.R.N., has been appointed Nursing Sister. She was trained at Bromley District Hospital, Kent; and the Mothers' Hospital of the Salvation Army, and has been Midwifery Sister at the Central Middlesex Hospital.

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