

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

The President of the National Council of Nurses has sent the following communication to the affiliated Societies of Nurses.

The Danish Council of Nurses and the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are in communication regarding a Holiday Exchange between 50 British and 50 Danish nurses, during the period June 20th to July 3rd, 1948.

The Danish nurses are planning to accommodate the British nurses at Krogstrup Hogskole, a high-school north of Copenhagen, where a few lectures will be given on Danish culture and professional topics, and excursions arranged to hospitals, castles and other historic places.

We are hoping to accommodate the Danish nurses in small groups of two or three, near enough to London to make group visits to places of historical interest in and around London, a possibility.

British nurses would pay their own fares; but all other expenses during their stay in Denmark would be paid by the Danish nurses.

It is suggested that each British nurse should provide for the incidental expenses of one Danish nurse, while in this country.

I will be glad if you will let me know as soon as possible, whether you are willing to participate in this scheme, and whether one of your members will like to visit Denmark. It would be convenient to have her name by April 15th, and on receipt of your reply, further information regarding shipping facilities, etc., will be sent in due course.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

The next meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., will be held on Wednesday, April 28th, 1948, at 2.30 p.m., at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

One important subject to be brought forward for discussion will be the National Health Service Memorandum on the Establishment of Whitley Machinery.

Any members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., who are interested in the Holiday Exchange scheme should communicate with the President at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

The following new books are now available for the use of Fellows and Members:—

"Human Physiology," by F. R. Winton, M.D., D.Sc., Professor of Pharmacology, University College, London, and T. E. Bayliss, Ph.D., Reader in Physiology, University College, London.

"Practical Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene," by Janet K. Raeburn, M.A.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The Annual General Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Saturday, April 24th, 1948, at 2 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, Miss Isabel Macdonald has invited the members of the League to attend a Lecture on "An Outline of Plastic Surgery and Reconstruction" illustrated by lantern slides and delivered by J. P. Reidy, F.R.C.S., at 3 p.m.

It is hoped that there will be much of interest to discuss over the teacups after this interesting afternoon.

Any members of the League of Fever Nurses interested in the Holiday Exchange scheme should write at once to Miss H. McLoughlin, 14, Osterley Avenue, Isleworth.

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 March 24th.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £2,200 for Salaries, £500 for Postage, £70 for Receipt Stamps and £50 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Estimates for stationery to the amount of £1,665 19s. 8d. were agreed.

It was agreed that in view of the high cost of printing, the Index to the Council Minutes shall, in future, be duplicated in the office.

Registration.

It was agreed that the names of 498 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, be re-included in the Register.

It was agreed that 16 nurses be granted Certificates of Registration as Sister Tutors.

It was agreed that the Registrar be instructed to enter the names of 254 nurses, who hold the certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, in the appropriate part of the Register.

Education and Examination.

It was agreed that the whole-time Course of instruction and training of one year's duration for the Sister Tutor's Diploma provisionally approved by the University of London at the South-West Essex Technical College, Walthamstow, for the session 1948-49 be similarly approved by the Council and that registered Nurses who obtain the Sister Tutor's Diploma of the University of London on completion of such Course be entitled to receive from the Council a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor.

Approval of hospitals as training schools was agreed, and provisional approval to hospitals was granted.

It was reported that the Preliminary and Final Examinations had taken place in February, and the names of successful candidates were approved for registration.

General Purposes.

It was agreed that one room on the top floor of No. 17, Portland Place be made available for the use of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at an annual rental of £100, including rates, lighting and heating, but excluding telephone rental and calls.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that the names of 476 applicants be entered in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY, 1948.

Preliminary Examination.

Of 2,755 first entries for Parts I and II together, 1,734 candidates passed Parts I and II, 85 passed Part I, and 580 passed Part II.

Of 1,348 first entries for Part I only, 886 passed.

Of 922 first entries for Part II only, 850 passed.

Final Examination.

Of 2,120 first entries for the General Part of the Register, 1,782 passed; of 258 first entries for Male Part, 217 passed; of 46 first entries for Mental Part, 28 passed; of 6 first entries for Mental Defectives Part, 5 passed; of 92 first entries for Sick Children's Part, 80 passed; and of 140 first entries for Fever Part, 116 passed.

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