

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.—Miss Margaret Noble, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow; at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; and at the Maternity Hospital, Bellshill. Miss Noble has been Matron at St. Margaret's Hospital, Auchterarder; and Matron at Maryfield Hospital, Dundee.

Montrose Royal Infirmary.—Miss Margaret Dicks, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; and has been Junior Ward Sister and Senior Ward Sister at the Montrose Royal Infirmary.

Falmouth and District Hospital, Falmouth.—Miss R. Weir, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Torbay Hospital, Torquay; and at the Bristol Royal Infirmary; and has been Staff Nurse, Night Sister and Holiday Sister at the Torbay Hospital, Torquay; Ward Sister, Home Sister and Sister-in-Charge of Annexe at the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, Chesterfield; and Assistant Matron at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. Miss Weir holds a certificate in House-keeping.

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 November 28th. The Chairman, Miss D. M. Smith, presided.

Assistant Nurses Committee Election.

In reply to a request from the Council that the Minister of Health extend the period of service of the Assistant Nurses Committee for a further year, the Minister said that the period had already been extended twice, and, as the need for Assistant Nurses would be felt for some years yet, an election must be held.

It was agreed that a further conference of some Members of Council and representatives of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association be held early in December at the Ministry of Health.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were agreed, and the sums of £2,750 for weekly salaries (five weeks), £250 for postage, £150 for Insurance Stamps, £50 for Receipt Stamps, £12,000 for Examiners' Claims, and £20 for Petty Cash were approved.

It was agreed that the Council exercise the option to purchase the Head Lease of No. 17, Portland Place, and No. 17, in Duchess Mews, in 1948, and the Council's Solicitor was instructed to take the necessary action.

Estimates of £817 5s. 6d. for Stationery were agreed; and an estimate of £475 for Folders in connection with R.M.P.A. applications was accepted.

Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheets for the years ending March 31st, 1946, and March 31st, 1947, were adopted.

Registration.

Terms of reciprocity were agreed between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the South African Nursing Council.

Reciprocity between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the Nurses' Registration Board, Tasmania, on behalf of Mental Nurses was approved.

Reciprocity between the General Nursing Council for

England and Wales, and the Nurses' Registration Board of Western Australia, on behalf of Male Nurses and Mental Nurses was approved.

It was agreed that the Council's Solicitor be instructed to inform the Home Secretary that the Council is concerned at the leniency, in some cases, of the fines imposed by the Bench in cases of prosecutions under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919.

It was reported that the first volume of the Register of Nurses for 1947, with the List of Nurses appended, had been received from the printers. The volume contains the names of:

General Part of the Register :	109,467
Supplementary Parts of the Register :			
Male Nurses	580
Nurses for Mental Diseases	4,618
Nurses for Mental Defectives	299
Sick Children's Nurses	4,487
Fever Nurses	11,064
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			130,515

There are 2,126 names in the List of Nurses.

Education and Examination.

Arrangements were agreed to enable Student Nurses who commenced training in India, and who are obliged to leave that country owing to present conditions, to complete their training in this country.

It was reported that candidates passed the October Preliminary and Final State Examinations as follows:

Preliminary Examination :			
Parts I and II	1,917
Part I only	1,428
Part II only	1,616
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			4,961
Final State Examination :			
General Nurses	2,109
Male Nurses	189
Nurses for Mental Diseases	37
Nurses for Mental Defectives	1
Sick Children's Nurses	133
Fever Nurses	144
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			2,613

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was agreed that no alteration be made at the present time in the existing procedure for dealing with disciplinary cases.

General Purposes.

It was agreed to approve estimate of £268 10s. for War Damage repairs to glazing.

It was agreed to purchase a Hobart Mixing Machine and attachments for £81 1s. 4d.

It was agreed to purchase an Addressograph Machine and 50,000 plates for £883 17s. 4d.

Estimates were accepted for 60 Steel Filing Cabinets at a cost of £870, and 20 Cardex Cabinets at a cost of £753 10s. for the Registration Department for R.M.P.A. applications.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that the 709 applicants, whose applications have been found to be in order, be enrolled in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Disciplinary Cases.

The case of Miss Monica Miller, S.R.N. 99930 was brought before the Council. Whilst a Surgical Ward Sister at the Montagu Hospital, Mexborough, she had made false entries in the Drugs Book.

Although she pleaded guilty to the charges brought

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