

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 July 23rd, 1948. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., presided.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and to cover the period July 3rd to September 11th, the sums of £6,350 for weekly salaries and inspectors' expenses; £2,000 for postage and £50 for petty cash were allowed.

The estimates of £843 13s. 0d. for 300 copies of the Supplement to the Roll of Assistant Nurses, and of £179 1s. 3d. for stationery were accepted.

Education and Examination.

It was agreed that the course of training for the Sister Tutor's Diploma of the University of London provided by the Battersea Polytechnic be approved for a further period of three sessions, viz. 1948-51; and that Registered Nurses who obtain the Sister Tutor's Diploma of the University of London on completion of such a course be entitled to receive from the Council a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor.

After correspondence with the Matron of the Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne, it was agreed that approval of the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, Eastbourne and the St. Mary's Hospital, Eastbourne, as Complete Training Schools for General Nurses be withdrawn and that the Princess Alice Unit together with the St. Mary's Unit of the Eastbourne Hospital Group be approved as a Complete Training School for General Nurses.

Approval of Hospitals as Training Schools was granted;

provisional approval was extended, and a Pre-Nursing Course approved.

The results of the Preliminary and Final Examinations held in June were reported as follows:

Preliminary Examination Parts I and II together...	1938
" " Part I only ...	1592
" " Part II ...	1016

Final Examination:—

General Nurses ...	2,087
Male Nurses ...	184
Mental Nurses ...	37
Mental Defective Nurses ...	1
Sick Children's Nurses ...	112
Fever Nurses ...	149

Assistant Nurses.

In view of the present financial position of the Council, it was agreed to publish a supplement to the Roll of Assistant Nurses 1947-48 in place of a complete Roll for 1948-1949.

It was agreed that 373 applicants, whose applications have been found to be in order, be approved for enrolment in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Case of Postponed Judgment.

The case of Irene Blanche Bland (née Way), S.R.N. 12,008, judgment postponed from July 1947, was dismissed with a caution.

Restoration of Names to Register.

It was agreed that the names of Margaret Nellie Kemp, S.R.N. 41,829, and Mary Bridget Cunningham, S.R.N. 125,043 be restored to the Register of Nurses.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider various items of business, and approve decisions.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was fixed for September 24th.

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