

In conclusion I am asked to assure you that the Council has the mental nursing problem very much in mind, and is of the opinion that the difficulties relating to the recruiting and training of mental nurses can best be met not by any lowering of the standard of training but by maintaining and improving that standard in order to attract suitable candidates into the profession and encourage them to complete their training.

#### General Purposes.

It was agreed that Miss I. L. Harris, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., Matron of the Victoria Home for Invalid Children, Margate, be appointed Inspector of Training Schools on a temporary basis for the period of one year.

It was agreed that estimates be accepted of : £750 for external painting and repairs to 17, Portland Place and 17, Duchess Mews ; £47 15s. for the provision of fluorescent lighting in a room on the fourth floor of No. 23, Portland Place, to be used by typists ; and £21 for uniform for caretaker (coat, waistcoat and two pairs of trousers).

The Council then went *in camera* to consider a letter from the Minister of Health on the training of assistant nurses, and also regarding the use of the State registered and State enrolled assistant nurses' uniforms.

#### Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was fixed for October 28th, 1949.

## Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. Supplementary Register of Hydrotherapy Assistants.

THE Chartered Society has decided that, in order to ensure a satisfactory standard of treatment in hydrotherapy establishments and in order to bring this class of worker under the ægis of the Chartered Society as the responsible professional body, it will make itself responsible for the training and registration of persons carrying out, or assisting in carrying out, certain hydrotherapeutic treatments at hydrotherapy establishments throughout the country. The Council of the Chartered Society has therefore agreed to inaugurate a scheme of training leading to examination and registration on a Supplementary Register of Hydrotherapy Assistants to be maintained by the Chartered Society.

The training is intended for persons who wish to perform certain hydrotherapeutic treatments but who do not wish to take the full training for membership of the C.S.P. and the additional training to obtain the Society's Certificate in Hydrotherapy. It is envisaged that no evidence of general education, such as School Certificate, will be required, but that candidates may be required to take a simple educational test to assess their general suitability for the training, to submit proof of physical fitness and of age, and references as to character. The details of this training and examination are still under consideration, but it is probable that the minimum period of training for candidates commencing training at 16 will be two years : for candidates commencing training at a later age the period of training will probably be one year.

Full details of the training and examination arrangements will be published in due course. As a preliminary step in looking after the interests of Hydrotherapy Assistants the Council has decided to open Part I of the Supplementary Register for "existing" Hydrotherapy Assistants.

This will be open to Hydrotherapy Assistants who, prior to October 1st, 1949, will have completed five years' satisfactory

experience in hydrotherapy at an institution approved for this purpose by the Chartered Society and where patients are under the care of a registered medical practitioner.

In addition a Provisional List will also be opened on October 1st, 1949. Applicants for admission to this List will be required to have completed two years' satisfactory experience in Hydrotherapy. All other conditions will be similar to those required for admission to Part I of the Supplementary Register for Hydrotherapy Assistants. The fee for admission to the Provisional List will be one guinea. Applicants admitted to the Provisional List will be eligible for transfer to the Supplementary Register of Hydrotherapy Assistants on completion of a total period of five years' experience, on submission of satisfactory references and on payment of a further fee of one guinea.

Hydrotherapy Assistants admitted to the Supplementary Register (Part I) or to the Provisional List will be permitted to carry out spray massage, douche massage and any form of massage, movement and manipulations under water : they will be permitted to work only under the supervision of a Chartered Physiotherapist or a registered medical practitioner.

Part II of the Supplementary Register, which will be opened on October 1st, 1951, will be open to persons who have completed the prescribed course of training for Hydrotherapy assistants at an establishment recognised by the Chartered Society for this purpose and who have passed the appropriate examinations of the Chartered Society. Further details will be published later.

In the case of applicants who will have completed less than two years' experience prior to October 1st, 1949, and who wish to train for admission to the Supplementary Register by examination, the Chartered Society will make every effort to arrange the necessary course of training, if at such date no training schools have been established.

Details of the rules and forms of application may be obtained after October 1st from the secretary, C.S.P. headquarters.

The Chartered Society considers that any movement of joints or any form of massage under water requires as sound a knowledge of the basic sciences underlying all forms of physiotherapy as massage and movements without the aid of water. While it is recognised that there are existing personnel (*i.e.*, those to be registered on Part I of the new Register) who undertake spray massage, douche massage and massage under water in the pool which involve manipulation of soft tissue and joints, it is not intended that those Hydrotherapy Assistants who are admitted to the Supplementary Register by Examination (Part II) should carry out these particular treatments.

Hydrotherapy Assistants admitted to the Supplementary Register by Examination will be required to sign the Conditions of Practice, including an undertaking to work only under the direct supervision of a member of the Chartered Society holding the Society's Certificate of Hydrotherapy.

The fee for admission to the Supplementary Register (either Part I or II) will be one guinea.

### What to Read.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "Swinburne" Humphrey Hare
- "A Victorian Romantic." Oswald Doughty.

#### FICTION.

- "The Rising Storm." Dennis Wheatley.
- "Delight" J. B. Priestley.
- "A Clear Dawn." Winifred Peck.
- "The Norwayman." Joseph O'Connor.
- "The Voice of a Stranger." Emyr Humphreys.
- "Light me a Candle." Ann Stafford.
- "Parasites." Daphne du Maurier.

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