

the new financial arrangements? Yes! With a strong prerogative that the proposed elimination of duplicate fees is *not* proceeded with.

3. As the new financial arrangement cannot be introduced before September will your Association pay the International Council of Nurses *per capita* fee of 4d. which became due on January 1st? Yes!

4. Will you agree to fill in and return Membership Identification Cards for yearly membership and make the required annual return? Reply: No! This Association strongly objects to the proposed procedure for eliminating the duplication of fees on the following grounds: (a) As the International Council of Nurses is the only international organisation working amicably, it would be a pity to destroy this relationship for monetary differences; and (b) Secretarial costs will be so great not only to the affiliated associations, but also to the N.C.N., that they, too, would lose financially whilst depleting the income of the I.C.N.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss A. A. Ward, was congratulated on the number of new members.

Crichton Royal Nursing Staff.

CAPTAIN STEEL, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management, in the absence of the Chairman, Sir Hugh Gladstone, presented Prizes and Hospital Certificates on Friday, January 14th, 1949. The Prize-winners were:

Campbell Cup: Catherine Burke.

Senior Nursing: 1st Prize, John Cowie; 2nd Prize, William Edgar.

Mental and Physical Diseases: 1st Prize, Alexander McRae; 2nd Prize, John Cowie.

Nursing Junior: 1st Prize, Ann Todd; 2nd Prize, William Garrett; 3rd Prize, Elizabeth McVite.

Hygiene and Dietetics: 1st Prize, Christopher Jenkinson; 2nd Prize, Thomas Clark.

Anatomy and Physiology: 1st Prize, Ann Todd; 2nd Prize, George Purdie; 3rd Prize, Christopher Jenkinson.

Occupational Therapy: 1st Prize, Ann Todd; 2nd Prize, Ronald Cartledge.

Certificates were presented to the following nurses: Catherine Burke, Mary Flanagan, Jane M. Handley, Bridget M. Lohan, Stewart J. McGinlay, Mary C. Needham.

Captain Steel expressed to the recipients of the prizes the congratulations of the Board on their success. He made reference to the fact that this was the first presentation of Prizes since the Hospital was taken over under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, and to the request made by Sir Alexander McGregor, Chairman of the Western Regional Hospital Board to the new Board of Management for Crichton Royal Mental Hospital, that they should administer Crichton Royal in the same manner as their predecessors. He was sure that those Nurses who were receiving their awards were conscious of their privilege in taking their Mental Nursing Training at the Crichton Royal where the most up-to-date methods of treatment and training are practised, and to which students from all over the world come to study the methods of treatment of mental illness which have been so successful at the Hospital. He was of opinion that those Nurses who would now be leaving to take their training in General Nursing would find that having been at the Crichton Royal would be advantageous to them and, as the Board of Management desire nothing but the best for Crichton Royal, he hoped that on the successful completion of their General Nursing Training they would return to the service of this Hospital. Captain Steel also expressed the Board's appreciation of the valuable work done by the Matron (Miss Houlston) and the Sister Tutor (Miss Vasconcellos) in the training of the Nurses and also on the excellent results achieved.

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 January 28th, 1949. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., Chairman, presided.

Election of Chairman.

There being only one nomination for Chairmanship of the Council, Miss D. M. Smith was reappointed for the current year.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Miss C. Alexander's nomination being the only one received for the vacancy of Vice-Chairman, she was re-elected for a further year.

Miss E. M. Hillier, Matron, Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, was welcomed to the seat on the Council made vacant by the resignation of Miss E. E. P. MacManus.

Business out of the Minutes.

In connection with the recent conference with representatives of interested bodies on the proposed changes in the Council's existing procedure, views from the *Royal College of Nursing* were reported:

It was agreed that the annual retention fee be discontinued and superseded by an initial registration fee.

It was agreed that the publication of the Register of Nurses be discontinued. A Register in manuscript form would be available.

It was considered that the cost of the Nurses' examination fees should be borne by the Treasury.

The *Royal College of Nursing* raised a query as to whether the cost incurred by compiling the Rolls of Assistant Nurses and Sister Tutors had not contributed to the financial loss sustained by the Council.

The *Association of Sick Children's Nurses*, in forwarding their views on the proposed changes in the Council's existing procedure, agreed with the proposed Nurses' examination fees, but could not entirely agree with the discontinuance of publication of the Register of Nurses. They considered that application in writing or by telephone for particulars contained in the Register to be cumbersome, and suggested that copies of the manuscript Register might be available at certain centres for reference.

This, the Chairman replied, would be almost as expensive as publishing the Register.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £3,200 for cash account (weekly salaries and Inspectors' expenses for five weeks) and £500 for postage were allowed.

Registration.

It was agreed that the names of 5,810 nurses who had failed to pay their retention fee be removed from the Register, and the names of 70 nurses be removed from the List of Nurses.

Education and Examination.

Approval was granted to hospitals as training schools, provisional approval was extended, and pre-nursing courses approved.

Assistant Nurses.

Owing to lack of pupils and facilities for training, three hospitals have asked for approval as training schools for assistant nurses to be withdrawn.

Provisional approval was granted to one hospital to train assistant nurses, and approval was extended for a further two years to four hospitals.

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