

Appointments.

Matron.

FRENCHAY PARK HOSPITAL, BRISTOL.—Miss C. M. Butland, R.R.C., S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained in General Nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; in Housekeeping at Bolingbroke Hospital, London; and in Midwifery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Miss Butland has been Ward Sister at Loughborough Hospital and at the General Hospital, Birmingham; Home and Housekeeping Sister at the Hampstead General Hospital; Assistant Matron at Newton Abbot and at the London Chest Hospital; served as Senior Sister and Matron with the Territorial Army Nursing Service for six years; has been First Assistant Matron at the Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport; and Matron at the Gravesend and North Kent Hospital, Gravesend.

Assistant Matron.

MANOR HOSPITAL, UTTOXETER ROAD, DERBY.—Miss J. Hall, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the City General Hospital, Sheffield, and at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and holds the T.A. and Housekeeping Certificates. Miss Hall has been Staff Nurse in charge of resident babies, Sydenham Infant Welfare Centre, London; Night Sister at the Bradford City Sanatorium; Sister at Bootle Sanatorium, Maghull; Sister at West Riding Sanatorium, Knaresborough, Yorks; and Home Sister, at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn.

HALIFAX GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Miss Myra I. Haslam, S.R.N., has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at the City General Hospital, Sheffield; at the Isolation Hospital, Leicester; and at the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham; and has been Staff Midwife at the Kettering General Hospital; Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield; Housekeeping Sister at the Halifax General Hospital; and Home Sister at the Castle Hill Infectious Diseases Hospital, Cottingham.

Industrial Rehabilitation.

WE are sure that nurses will be greatly interested in the following extracts from a letter received by the Ministry of Labour and National Service from a man who has taken a course at one of its new Industrial Rehabilitation Units:—

I have just completed a course at . . . Rehabilitation Centre, and I feel I must tell someone about it.

I was struck down with Rheumatoid Arthritis in October, 1947—could not move a limb, was in hospital for 25 weeks, attended as out-patient for longer. The doctors assured me I was making remarkable progress, which I believe was true.

Unfortunately, there came a period when my condition remained just static. My panel doctor suggested I should go to the Rehabilitation Centre. The hospital agreed on condition that I was under medical supervision all the while. . . . During this period I got very depressed and despondent. . . . I was afraid I would never work again.

This, then, was the condition when I was admitted to the Centre. From the first day I began to improve, and, after an extended course, I am within an ace of being completely restored to health.

I am a tradesman and while at Centre showed certain talents, and they are endeavouring to fix me up with something in keeping with my abilities. They secured me an interview from which I have hopes.*

Ruskin said: "There is no wealth but life." I believe this to be true and nothing else matters.

* The writer has now been placed in employment.

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 22nd April, 1949.

Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E.; Chairman, presided.

The Minister of Health, in a letter to the General Nursing Council, made it clear that as the date agreed for the introduction of the new State Uniform for Nurses was July 1st, no nurse may be permitted to wear it before that date.

It was agreed that the closing date for applications for registration of Qualified Sister Tutors be extended to December 31st, 1949.

It was agreed that the Short Series of Rules drawn up be sealed and forwarded to the Minister of Health for approval.

A letter was reported from the National Old People's Welfare Committee Conference asking that special accommodation for old people might be provided in all hospitals training nurses. It was agreed that a reply be sent to the Committee saying that the Council would welcome schemes of additional training in hospitals where the old people could be accommodated.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £2,600 for Cash Account (weekly salaries and Inspectors' expenses), £12,000 for Examiners' Claims and £500 for postage were allowed.

It was agreed that a fee of 200 guineas be paid to the Returning Officer and 75 guineas to the Deputy Returning Officer in respect of the forthcoming election of Direct Representatives to the Council.

Registration.

It was agreed that the Council accept for registration by reciprocity on the part of the Register for Mental Nurses psychiatric trained nurses registered in New Zealand, on the understanding that the Nurses and Midwives Board of New Zealand accepts for registration on the Register of Psychiatric Nurses nurses registered on the Mental part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

General Purposes.

It was agreed that an estimate of £60 13s. be accepted for carrying out improved lighting in certain of the rooms at 23, Portland Place, and that an estimate of £110 be accepted for repairs to defective rendering to the chimney stacks at 17, Portland Place.

It was agreed that the option to remain on the staff of the Council after reaching the retiring age of 55 be extended from five to ten years in the case of those members of the permanent staff who are giving satisfactory service at the age of 60; the last five years to be on a yearly basis.

Disciplinary Case.

The case of Winifred Louise Smith, S.R.N. 58983, was considered. She had been bound over in a sum of £100 for two years at the Court of Summary Jurisdiction at Sutton for taking drugs from hospital. Miss Smith is now undergoing treatment in hospital.

The Council considered the case *in camera* and judgment was postponed for a period of two years.

The Council then went *in camera* to report the Education and Examination Committee's views on the question of the future conduct of the Preliminary and Final Examinations.

Two cases were reported of Registered Nurses notified by the Police Authorities.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was fixed for May 27th.

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