

## 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 26th, 1951.

### Election of Chairman.

Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

### Election of Vice-Chairman.

Miss C. Alexander was re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £5,400 for Cash Account and £1,000 for postage were allowed.

### Education and Examination.

The Committee reported that they had still considered further the Council's appointments to the Area Nurse Training Committee for the Leeds area when established, owing to the inability of Miss M. F. Dykes to accept an invitation to serve.

Approval as Training Schools, and schemes of affiliation were approved. Full approval was granted to Withington Hospital, Manchester, as a Complete Training School for Male Nurses, and provisional approval was granted to the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport; the Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa; the Warwick Hospital, Warwick; the Stratford-on-Avon Hospital, Stratford-on-Avon; and the Chester Royal Infirmary as Complete Training Schools for Male Nurses.

Full-time and part-time courses were approved for the purposes of Part I of the Preliminary Examination.

### General Purposes.

The Committee reported that it has considered the position in regard to typewriters throughout the office, and it was agreed that 12 defective machines be overhauled, rebuilt, or exchanged at a cost of £288 15s., less an allowance of £26 on five obsolete ones; and that a yearly estimate of £68 5s. be accepted as maintenance contract on 42 machines at 32s. 6d. per machine per annum.

### Disciplinary Cases.

The Council considered cases brought before them by the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee and it was agreed that the name of Annie Elizabeth Mansell, S.R.N. 109354, R.M.N. 17710 be removed from the Register of Nurses; the facts proved against Ethelwynn Maldah Wilson, S.R.N. 145323 in the Notice of Inquiry do not constitute misconduct, and the complaint was dismissed; judgment was postponed on the conviction proved against James Christopher Quick, R.M.N. 13920 for a period of one year; the case of Nancy Mary Paul (nee Gray) was dismissed with a caution; and the name of Emma Muttock (now Mrs. Attwood), S.R.N. 41868 was restored to the Register.

### List of Standing Committees.

*Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.*—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Diamond, Miss Dixon, Miss Duff Grant, Mr. Grosvenor, Miss Raven, Miss Todd, Miss Waters.

*Education and Examination Committee.*—Miss Baldock, Miss Calder, Miss Catnach, Miss Darroch, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Holland, Miss Lane, Miss Lawson, Miss Marriott, Mr. Sayer, Miss Smaldon, Miss M. J. Smyth.

*General Purposes Committee.*—Mr. Bartlett, Miss Calder, Mr. Constable, Mr. Diamond, Miss Knox, Miss Ottley.

*Registration Committee.*—Miss Bell, Miss Duff Grant,

Miss Hedges, Miss Lane, Miss Lawson, Miss Raven, Miss Smaldon, Miss M. J. Smyth.

*Finance Committee.*—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Constable, Mr. Diamond, Miss Duff Grant, Mr. Grosvenor, Miss Lillywhite, Miss Marriott, Miss Ottley.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are *ex-officio* members of all Standing Committees.

### Statutory Committees.

(Members of Council serving on these Committees).

*Mental Nurses Committee.*—Miss Alexander, Mr. Bartlett, Miss Lawson, Dr. Sands, Miss D. M. Smith, Miss Waters.

*Assistant Nurses Committee.*—Miss Alexander, Miss Darroch, Miss Lawson, Miss Marriott, Miss D. M. Smith, Dr. Trayer.

## Nurses Trained Abroad.

QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED about the employment as staff nurses of nurses trained abroad and entered on the List of Foreign Trained Nurses kept by the Minister of Health under Regulation 2(1) (1) of the Nurses Regulations, 1945 (S.R. and O. 1945, No. 638). The Nurses' Salaries Committee defined a staff nurse as "a state registered nurse . . . employed in a hospital under nursing supervision," and this definition is implicit in the decisions of the Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council on the conditions of service of staff nurses. There is, however, an established practice of applying those conditions to foreign trained nurses on the Minister's List whose knowledge of English is sufficient to enable them to take the responsibilities of trained nurses, and the Ministry of Labour and National Service have issued permits of employment on this basis. The question of the status of foreign-trained nurses is now under discussion with the professional organisations, in the light of the provisions of Section 10 of the Nurses Act, 1949. In the meantime the practice of employing as staff nurses, subject to the conditions mentioned above, nurses who are on the Minister's List of Foreign Trained Nurses, may be continued, and, assuming the salary on first appointment in this country is at the minimum of the scale, this practice is not subject to objection on financial grounds.

## Awards for Blood Donors.

### London Presentation by The Princess Royal.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH announces that awards are to be presented to "long service" donors in the National Blood Transfusion Service, the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Association and the Greater London Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service and to other donors who have given repeated gifts of their blood; to qualify a volunteer must have given at least ten donations of blood since September, 1939. Women donors will receive a brooch and men a lapel badge.

The design of the award, which has been personally approved by His Majesty the King, shows two interlocking hearts surmounted by the Crown and resting on a scarlet background.

There will be three classes of award—silver-gilt for at least 50 donations, silver for 25 donations and bronze for 10 donations.

There are now nearly 400,000 donors in the National Blood Transfusion Service, and it is estimated that about 200 donors will be entitled to the silver-gilt award, 5,000 to the silver and 70,000 to the bronze.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, who has herself given blood to the Service, has graciously consented to present the silver-gilt awards at a ceremony, in London on April 3rd, 1951, at the Royal College of Surgeons.

Volunteers who have given 50 donations and whose names are already known at the local centre are receiving a letter inviting them to apply for their award and a form on which to do so.

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