

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 June 22nd.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £5,700 for Cash Account, £1,000 for postage and £10,000 for Examiners' Claims were allowed.

It was agreed that £2,706 be spent on 60 six-drawer Kardex cabinets, and £112 12s. on Kardex tables for expansion in the Registration and Examinations Departments.

Education and Examination.

The Committee recommended to the Council that the ruling approved by Council on September 22nd, 1948, be amended to the effect that a student nurse who discontinues training at any time after having passed Parts I and II of the Preliminary Examination shall, if she resumes training for admission to the Register, be entitled to six months' reduction in the period of training whether or not she resumes in the same type of training school; and that the amended ruling shall operate as from June 1st, 1951.

The Committee submitted an application that, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, provisional approval as an experimental scheme under Section 3 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949, be granted for a period of five years to the proposal submitted by the Queen Elizabeth School of Nursing, Birmingham, whereby student nurses who undergo a training of four years' duration in accordance with a scheme based on the Children's Hospital, Birmingham, shall be eligible to enter for the Final Examination for admission to the General part of the Register on completion of three years' training, and following registration on the General part of the Register shall spend the fourth year of training in the Children's Hospital, and shall then be entitled to enter for the Final Examination for Sick Children's Nurses.

General Purposes.

It was recommended that an estimate be accepted of £84 3s. for supplying and laying linoleum in W.C.s and cloakrooms at 17, Portland Place.

A statement had been prepared, and a letter from the Ministry of Health was considered *in camera* regarding the Council's proposals for revised rates of salary for senior staff.

Postponed Judgment.

The case of Barbara Jean Blyth, R.S.C.N. 7255, postponed in June, 1950, for one year, was again postponed for three months.

Final State Examination for the General Part of the Register.

(Female Nurses.)

June 6th, 1951.

MEDICINE AND MEDICAL NURSING TREATMENT. (FIRST PAPER.)

Time allowed 1½ hours.

NOTE.—You must answer *THREE* questions and not more than three.

1. What is meant by "cyanosis"? Mention the conditions in which it may occur. Describe the special precautions to be taken in nursing a patient in an oxygen tent.
2. Describe an epileptic fit. State how you would deal with a patient who was having one and give an account of the treatment which may be employed to prevent further attacks.

3. Give an account of the causes, symptoms, complications and treatment of pneumonia.
4. Describe the causes and symptoms of acute gastro-enteritis. Give an account of the treatment and nursing care of a young adult suffering from this condition.
5. State briefly what you know about :—
 - (a) mumps;
 - (b) the rash in smallpox;
 - (c) ketosis;
 - (d) atropine;
 - (e) purpura.

SURGERY AND GYNÆCOLOGY AND SURGICAL AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL NURSING TREATMENT.

(SECOND PAPER.)

Time allowed 1½ hours.

NOTE.—You must answer *THREE* questions and not more than three.

1. Where are thromboses liable to occur after an abdominal operation? What observations may a nurse make to aid their early recognition? Describe the prevention and treatment of this condition.
2. Describe the treatment of a compound fracture of the tibia and fibula.
3. A baby has chewed a button off his coat. What investigations and treatment may be undertaken to locate and recover the button?
4. What is meant by an incomplete abortion? Describe the treatment of this condition.
5. Write brief notes on the uses and dangers of the following :—
 - (a) tourniquet;
 - (b) aural syringe;
 - (c) mouth gag;
 - (d) undine.

GENERAL NURSING.

(THIRD PAPER.)

Time allowed 2½ hours.

NOTE.—You must answer *FIVE* questions and not more than five.

1. How can a nurse help to relieve the symptoms of a patient suffering from congestive heart failure? Mention the treatment which might be prescribed.
2. How would you nurse a patient suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis who is to be kept at rest in bed?
3. Discuss the measures which may be used to prevent and treat post-operative vomiting.
4. Describe the treatment and nursing care of a patient suffering from extensive burns of the chest and face.
5. What may be the significance of irregular bleeding from the vagina at the time of the menopause? What can a nurse do to arrest severe haemorrhage in such a case?
6. How would you prepare for a patient to have an aspiration of the chest? What are the nurse's duties during this procedure?
7. How may the following be sterilised :—
 - (a) cutting instruments;
 - (b) surgical dressings;
 - (c) cystoscope;
 - (d) vulcanite pessary;
 - (e) rubber gloves?

The Happy Nurse.

DURING AN ADDRESS at a meeting of the Association Hospital Matrons in London on June 30th, Mr. Hilary Marquand, Minister of Health, said "An overburdened nurse cannot do her job properly. A happy nurse can do almost as much for a patient as the most skilful surgeon."

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