

"The weekly Board of Addenbrooke's Hospital, in recognition of Miss Esther Young's valuable services to the Hospital, wish to place on record their appreciation of the same by testifying that, during the time she has filled the office of Assistant Matron—a period of more than four years—she has discharged her duties to the entire satisfaction of the members of the weekly Board. She is an excellent housekeeper and a good organiser of the domestic work of the Hospital, every department of which is in perfect order. In the management of the Probationers, Miss Young has been most judicious, and, while maintaining the strictest discipline, and fearlessly correcting what she thought to be wrong, she has still gained the affection of all. She has on frequent occasions filled the office of Matron to the entire satisfaction of the members of the weekly Board, and they very much regret her departure from the Hospital.

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge,
April 8th, 1896."

THE St. John's House Debating Society held an open meeting on Thursday, April 23rd, when members had an opportunity of inviting their friends, and a varied programme of songs, recitations, pianoforte solos, &c., was successfully gone through. Visitors were invited for seven o'clock, and tea and coffee and light refreshments were served during the evening. The whole of the arrangements were managed by the members of the Society, and the expenses of the evening borne by them. The whole thing was informal and friendly, and a distinct success. These social evenings are a happy means of bringing together old members of the staff, and the opportunity afforded on Thursday evening was cordially appreciated. That the Debating Society is possessed of a keen interest in professional matters is evidenced by the subjects for discussion for the present year, of which we append the synopsis.

SYNOPSIS FOR 1896.

February 6th.—Aneurysm.
February 27th.—Antiseptic Surgery.
March 19th.—Character.
April 9th.—Diseases and Injuries of the Spleen.
April 30th.—A Post-Graduate Course for Nurses.
May 21st.—On some Diseases of the Appendix.
June 11th.—Kidney Disease.
September 3rd.—Burns and Scalds.
September 24th.—Scarlet Fever.
October 15th.—Diphtheria.
November 5th.—Practical Experiences on Maternal Management.
November 26th.—By the President or Treasurer.

THE Examinations of the Probationary Nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and the Metro-

politan Hospital have been going on during the present week. In our next issue we hope to be able to give the names of those Nurses who have specially distinguished themselves; meanwhile we publish the questions set to both Junior and Senior Candidates at the Metropolitan Hospital.

MEDICINE—ELEMENTARY PAPER.

- (1) What is the normal rate of the pulse and respiration? What is meant by a rigor? Mention some of the diseases in which it may occur.
- (2) In what cases are bed-sores likely to occur? On what parts of the body do they occur? What measures would you take to prevent them?
- (3) What are the common causes of swelling of the legs in an adult?
- (4) Give the date of the appearance of the rash of (1) measles; (2) chicken-pox; (3) scarlet fever; (4) enteric fever, and the characters of the rash in each case.
- (5) What are the essential qualities of a good Nurse?

NURSES' EXAMINATION, 1896—JUNIORS.

- (1) Give an outline of the circulation of the blood in the upper extremity.
- (2) Mention the bones which enter into the formation of the following joints, viz.:—
(a) hip, (b) knee, (c) elbow, (d) shoulder, (e) ankle.
- (3) A patient having been brought to the Hospital suffering from a lacerated wound of the hand which necessitates amputation of the thumb; describe the preparations which you would make for the operation (preparation of patient, instruments, dressings, &c.).
- (4) After having assisted in changing the dressings of a patient suffering from a suppurating wound, describe the precautions which you would adopt in order to prevent the spread of infection.
- (5) How would you prepare a bed for the reception of a patient who has a fracture of the leg?
- (6) How would you make (a) boracic fomentation; (b) linseed poultice?
- (7) What are the precautions necessary in the artificial feeding of infants (under one year)?

MEDICINE—ADVANCED PAPER.

- (1) Trace the circulation of the blood from the heart to the feet, and back again to the heart.

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