

This examination, which is usually in writing, can, very properly, be conducted by the Superintendent of the school, whose duty it will be to examine the papers and estimate the percentages. It is generally conceded that nothing less than fifty per cent. should be allowed as a minimum.

Third, a final examination. In schools where a regular course of lectures is given by the doctors, the best plan probably is a written and an oral examination conducted by doctors appointed for the purpose, usually called the Examining Board.

Such an examination may consist of a set of papers, or questions, based upon the subject matter contained in the course of lectures, together with an oral examination based upon practical nursing experience—the doctors conducting both of these examinations and estimating the percentages, while the Superintendent of the School estimates the percentages given for deportment, management, practical nursing, &c.

In other schools, however, where no regular course of lectures is provided, the best arrangement probably will be to test the qualifications of the Nurses by subjecting them simply to an oral examination.

This examination can also be conducted by doctors selected for the purpose, who will constitute the Examining Board, the Superintendent of the school estimating the percentages in deportment, management, &c., which is equally important.

The following list of text books on general and special nursing, anatomy, physiology, and materia medica is appended, together with some of the later medical publications, which will serve as collateral reading or as reference books in the Nurses' Library.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

MARY AGNES SNIVELY, Convener.

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MRS. ALICE HEPPEL writes, with reference to a letter in last week's RECORD, commenting on her appointment as Matron of St. Mark's Hospital for Fistula, to say that she was one of the selected candidates for the position.

A CORRESPONDENT has forwarded us a copy of the letter sent by Mr. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents, giving some facts as to the treatment of the woman who was rescued from drowning and transferred from the Poplar Hospital to the Bromley Sick Asylum, and who died there very shortly. The facts given by Mr. Holland do not lead us to alter our view that a grave error of judgment was made in not retaining in the Hospital, at all inconvenience, a woman in so serious a condition.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—

"An instance of the way in which the trained Nurse can adapt herself to the ordinary and extraordinary events of life outside her special work was seen at All Saints' Church, Hatcham, on Sunday, June 14th.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Fardell, had suggested to Miss Ambler Jones, the Matron of the South Eastern Hospital, that the Nurses should collect the offertory in his church on Hospital Sunday, and she most kindly not only agreed to let them do so, but promised herself to help.

To "take the collection" in a large church (All Saints' seats about 1,000 people) is by no means easy, and there was perhaps a feeling of doubt among the congregation as to how the Nurses would do it. The novice usually makes mistakes, and the Nurses were all novices. Would it be a case of general muddle? Not a bit of it. No sooner did the hymn after the sermon commence than Miss Ambler Jones, plate in hand, stepped quietly to her allotted sphere of action,

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