

a medicine which increases the secretions from the kidneys). Another frequent use of the drug is in hair liniment. It promotes the growth, and is a valuable remedy.

In a case of poisoning from cantharides, the stomach pump must be used, emetics freely given, mucilaginous substances administered, such as thick gruel, egg and milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ grain of morphine. There is no chemical antagonist to cantharides.

Royal Red Cross.

The King has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross on Miss M. Nicholson, Miss C. E. Thompson, and Miss S. M. G. Otto in recognition of the services rendered by them in tending the sick and wounded at the Volunteer Hospital at Intombi during the late war in South Africa.

Presentation to Miss Ward.

At the Sculcoates Guardians' meeting recently the members presented a solid silver tea service to Miss Ward, Superintendent Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, who is leaving to take up the position of Superintendent at the Belfast Union Infirmary. Dr. Savage (Chairman of the House Committee) made the presentation, and several members made eulogistic reference to the abilities of Miss Ward.

Victorian Trained Nurses' Association.

A monthly course of lectures for nurses has been arranged by the V.T.N.A., and are given in Melbourne throughout the year. Miss Farquharson opened the series on January 28th with a most instructive address on "The Nursing of Some Infectious Fevers and Diphtheria," which was greatly appreciated by a large audience. The following lectures have already been arranged:— On "Preparatory Training," Miss Glover; on "The Nursing of Midwifery Cases," Dr. R. H. Morrison; on "Medical Nursing," Dr. W. B. Vance; on "Some Anatomy Notes," Dr. W. A. Wood; on "Sterilisation of Instruments," Sister Munroe; on "Surgical Nursing, with Special Reference to the Nursing of Septic Cases," Mr. Syme; on "Nursing of Gynaecological Cases," Dr. Rothwell Adam; "Nursing: Its Higher Aspects," Dr. Felix Meyer.

The Plumbers' Registration Bill is shortly to be introduced to the House of Commons again, and will appear there this session with more hopeful prospects than ever before.

The British Gynaecological Society.

NURSING EXAMINATIONS.

CONDITIONS.

1. Until December 31st, 1903, Candidates for the Examinations of the Society will be required to produce—

(a) A certificate of not less than one year's training, satisfactory to the Board of Examiners, from a General Hospital containing not less than forty beds.

(b) A certificate of training in a Lying-in Institution, or in a Hospital for Women, or in the gynaecological wards of an Institution approved by the Board of Examiners.

(c) Three recent Testimonials of character.

2. During the year 1904, Candidates will be required to produce—

(a) A certificate of two years' training in a General Hospital containing not less than forty beds.

(b) A certificate of at least three months' training in a Lying-in Institution, or in a Hospital for Women, or in the gynaecological wards of an Institution approved by the Board of Examiners.

(c) Three recent Testimonials of character.

3. After December 31st, 1904, all Candidates will be required to produce—

(a) A certificate granted, after three years' training, by a General Hospital containing not less than forty beds.

(b) A certificate of at least three months' training in a Lying-in Institution, or in a Hospital for Women, or in the gynaecological wards of an Institution approved by the Board of Examiners.

(c) Three recent Testimonials of character.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION.

1. The Examination shall be divided into two parts—(a) a written paper; and (b) *vivâ voce*.

2. During the year 1903, the *written paper* shall consist of eight questions upon medical and theoretical details.

(a) For the *Maternity Nursing Examination* these shall comprise—

A practical knowledge of antiseptic principles and of the sterilisation of appliances. The preparation of the mother and of her room before labour.

The duties of the Nurse during labour.

The duties of the Nurse after labour in the case of mother and child, including the preparation of diets for each.

The precautions and duties of the first fortnight and of the second fortnight.

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