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"Nurse Noad obtained over 75 per cent. of the possible number of marks, and passed an excellent examination. Nurses Coburn, Jenkins, Knight, Whittaker, and Fay passed a very good examination. Nurses Meech, Dillon, Kelly, Caswell, Dickenson, and Muir a good examination, and Nurses Leggett, Ancell, Bond, Budd, and Lambourne a satisfactory examination.

"All these nurses showed a good practical knowledge of their work, and will, I feel sure, reflect credit on the Portsmouth Parish Infirmary, as a training-school, wherever they subsequently go. The result has demonstrated to me that more attention has been paid to the details of practical nursing, and it is evident they have had more opportunities for practical work.

"Eight second-year nurses were examined, and, although all obtained a sufficient number of marks to pass, they will have to work hard during the next year to attain the same high standard of excellence which the third-year nurses have obtained this year. The names in order of merit are:—Nurses Oakes, Pearson, Walton, Packer, Pearce, Reynolds, Waite, and Bradley.

"Ten first-year nurses presented themselves, and eight were successful. Nurse Rosengrave obtained over 75 per cent. of the possible number of marks. Nurses Crocker, Westrop, Terrill, Hill, Howard, White, and McLean passed the examination. Nurses Hitchcott and Vine failed, but the latter, through indisposition, was unable to attend the *vivâ voce*. On the whole I consider the result to be very satisfactory."

The Bermondsey Board of Guardians are greatly to be congratulated upon the following progressive move. They have appointed Miss G. M. Byles, Matron of the Lambeth Parish Infirmary, to conduct the examination of the nurses at the Bermondsey Union Infirmary in practical nursing, a fee of £5 5s. being paid for her services.

Sir Algernon Coote, of Ballyfin House, Mount-rath, has subscribed £35 to King Edward the Seventh's Coronation National Fund for Nurses in Ireland. His total subscriptions to this Fund now amount to £210.

We agree with those medical men who are strongly opposed to the installation of telephones in hospital wards. When we consider the wear and tear of brain and nerves occasioned by the ringing of telephone bells, even to those in health, we cannot but regard the suggestion to instal these necessary evils of modern life in wards devoted to the sick, to whom rest of mind is often even more essential than rest of body, with extreme disfavour. Added to this, the additional work occasioned by the answering of telephones, and the carrying of portable extensions to the bedsides of the patients, could certainly not be placed on the nurses, to whom it would prove the last straw. Additional help would assuredly be required.

We have condemned on more than one occasion

the very dangerous system of tying little children in bed by a bandage. Such treatment should be at once prohibited by all hospital and infirmary boards. The very distressing death of a poor little child aged two years at the Halifax Workhouse Infirmary makes such an order imperative.

The Duchess of Sutherland has just resigned the Presidency of the Sutherland Nursing Association says the *Daily Express*. The Duchess wrote privately to the Superintendent of the nurses, Miss Stevenson, suggesting that, in view of certain changes of policy, Miss Stevenson should send in her resignation. It was explained by the Duchess that she intended to combine with the post other duties in relation to the sanitation and hygiene of the homes in the county, and she did not think Miss Stevenson would be strong enough for this special work. Miss Stevenson, who has been connected with the Association for six and a-half years, refused to resign, and at a special meeting of the Committee submitted the correspondence between the Duchess and herself. She intimated that the President had apparently assumed the duties and powers of the Committee, and also tendered her resignation to that body, which, however, by seven votes to six, decided not to accept it. The Duchess, thereupon, retired from the Presidency of the Association.

A number of Stornoway gentlemen recently assembled at the Caledonian Hotel and presented a purse of sovereigns to Miss Millicent Whawell, the late district nurse at Ness, against whom sundry charges were brought after she resigned her appointment. Mr. Thomson, who presided, said that from what they knew of Miss Whawell since she came to the island her character and abilities were beyond dispute. There were few people who had not got enemies, but he was sure his words were endorsed by all the subscribers to the testimonial when he expressed their warmest sympathy with Miss Whawell in the trying ordeal to which she had been subjected. As her able solicitor said in court, the charges brought against her were of the most flimsy and trivial nature. They wished her every success in her profession, and he could assure her that the purse of sovereigns which he had the pleasure of handing her was only a small tribute of the respect in which she was held by the subscribers. Miss Whawell feelingly expressed her thanks, and her solicitor, Mr. Ross, also replied for her in well-chosen language.

The nurses in the mental wards of the Eastville Workhouse, Bristol, have sent a letter to the Spring Meeting of the Gloucester and Somerset Poor Law Officers' Association, in which they referred particularly to the section of the Superannuation Act in which the service necessary to qualify for a pension was stated, and asked, if the Superannuation Act was likely to be amended, could not more

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