

2. Describe exactly how you would pass the catheter after (a) an abdominal section, (b) an operation for ruptured perineum, has been performed.

3. How would you prepare a patient for amputation of the breast? and what subsequent nursing would she require?

4. Describe fully how you would prepare (a) the instruments, and (b) the dressings, for a case of abdominal section.

5. Give a brief report of some gynæcological case which you have nursed.

6. Describe fully the usual dietary for a patient, for the first week after abdominal section has been performed.

Nurses' Examinations.

Mr. Beard, the Chairman of the Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, recently presented the prizes to the successful candidates who had passed highest in the first, second, and third examination for nurse.

House Surgeon's Prize.—Nurse Hartman, prize of books; first-year nurses' examination.

The Ardern Prize.—Nurse Hearn, prize of books; second-year nurses' examination.

The Ardern Prize.—Nurse Copeland, prize of books; third-year nurses' examination.

Three candidates went up for the Cape Colonial Examination for trained nurses, and all passed.

Mr. Beard, in presenting the prizes and certificates, made a very encouraging speech, and gave notice that the next series of classes would begin the following week—for first year's probationers, Matron's class, and a cookery class, by the Assistant Matron; Dr. Pringle, the House Physician, would instruct the second year's nurses, and Dr. Moffat, the Medical Superintendent, would teach the senior nurses in their third year of training.

Australasian Army Nursing Service.

The following appointments have been made to the Australasian Army Nursing Service:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Lady Superintendent: Miss Graham, Matron Adelaide Hospital. Matron: Miss Knowles, cert. Adelaide Hospital. Sisters Cunningham, Dow, Herring, Alleyne, Bird, McGregor, Davidson, McKittrick, Uren, Webb, Townsend, Lord, Kelly, cert. Adelaide Hospital; and Buckhurst, cert. Port Augusta Hospital.

QUEENSLAND.—Lady Superintendent: Miss Marks, cert. General Hospital, Brisbane. Matron: Miss Smith, cert. General Hospital, Brisbane. Sisters Trundle, Waldie, Ingarfield, Wetherell, Perry, Malone, Muirhead, Macnish, Isambert, England, Neilson, and Whipham, cert. General Hospital, Brisbane.

The Minimum Curriculum of Education and Standard Qualifying for the Registration of Trained Nurses.*

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Nursing being still in an extremely embryo condition in Italy, it is, perhaps, easier for us to view the question of Registration clearly and impartially. To me, in fact, the matter lies in a nutshell. If a nurse be thoroughly trained, she should be legally recognised and certificated as such, just as naturally as a fully-qualified doctor or teacher is recognised and certificated in their respective professions.

To say that there will be a certain percentage of unworthy nurses registered is no more a valid objection to Registration than a like protest would be against registering doctors and teachers.

What should constitute a right to registration seems also easy to define from our somewhat far-off position. We have formulated two premisses for trained nursing in Italy, viz. :—

A. Nurses should be drawn from the same classes of society as are doctors and teachers, *i.e.*, from any class, provided they possess the necessary education which enables them to train theoretically as well as practically.

B. They must attain an accepted standard before being recognised as trained and receiving a diploma. This standard we have virtually fixed as the one adopted in my Alma Mater, the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, under Miss Spencer's organising, and representing Miss Nightingale's own standard, whilst for text-book of this standard we accept Mrs. Hampton Robb's "Principles and Practice of Nursing." Except in allowing for certain differences in national habits and customs, the ethics and technique inculcated in Mrs. Hampton Robb's book are what we accept as the standard for training in Italy. And we consider that any nurse trained on these lines is qualified for State, or any other, registration.

It is needless to add that since such training can only be carried out in a general hospital with a minimum of fifty beds, and in the hands of a Matron herself trained to the same high standard, nurses who have merely worked in homes, or who have failed to complete the course in a hospital which possesses these requisites for thorough training, would not be eligible for registration.

To reassure the adversaries of Registration we should demonstrate that it would never be given unless the candidate possessed unimpeachable certificates, from Matron or Superintendent of the hospital where she had trained, of morality and of vocation, as well as of technique in nursing.

As to whether two, three, or four years' training were exacted before gaining a diploma we consider a matter of indifference, as it depends on many side issues, financial and of experience. If the necessary teachings and experience can be given in the shorter period (as in countries where nursing is in its childhood—France and Italy, and as it was till some few

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