

have commented unfavourably on the answers. Some complain that the candidates did not recognise the condition as an emergency, and comment on the omission of preparation for an anæsthetic. On the other hand, one examiner comments on too drastic preparation, showing little appreciation of the pain and shock the patient would have.

Question 3—Nasal Feed.—Lack of detail noted and comment made that few seem to have had any practical experience of the administration. Some candidates stated that one ounce of sterile water would be poured into the tube to see if it was in the right place.

Question 6—Head Injury.—Many made no mention of special observations that should be made. Many "put their patients to bed, packed up with hot-water bottles; blood and plasma transfusions were given and other treatments liable to raise blood pressure; and the patient got nasal feeds—all within the first 24 hours."

On the other hand, many examiners have commented favourably on the answers as a whole.

One, however, quotes one candidate who thinks that the "doctor may order Paraldehyde 4 to 6 ozs."

Question 8—Tepid Sponging.—Nearly every examiner comments unfavourably on the answers received. Lack of detail was noted in some cases and procedure was confused with blanket bathing.

FINAL FEVER EXAMINATION.

The general impression received was that, although the standard of education, as shown by grammar, spelling, etc., was low, the students were well instructed in the principles of fevers and fever nursing, although lack of personal experience with many diseases led to quite important blunders.

It appears to us that this report on Written Examinations is a most useful precedent to those responsible for the training of nurses from every point of view, concerning both theoretical and practical teaching.

The responsibility of training is realised in connection with present conditions and the youthfulness of the entrants.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

June, 1948, Examination Dates.

First date for applying for entry forms: Tuesday, March 9th, 1948.

Last date for applying for entry forms: Tuesday, March 23rd, 1948.

Last date for sending in completed entry forms: Tuesday, March 30th, 1948.

These dates do not apply to candidates who were present at the February, 1948 examinations. Information in regard to applying for forms will be sent individually to these candidates at a later date.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MENTAL HEALTH.

The forthcoming International Congress on Mental Health will take place in the Central Hall, Westminster, on August 11th and 12th.

The Congress consists of three separate International Conferences on Child Psychiatry, Medical Psychotherapy, and Mental Hygiene, each under the auspices of the appropriate international body. The Mental Hygiene Conference, which forms the major part of the programme, will be the third world gathering of its kind.

The Congress office is at 19, Manchester Street, London, W.1, from which further information can be obtained.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

SCHOOL AYCLIFFE COLONY FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES, HEIGHINGTON, NEAR DARLINGTON.—Miss Edith Gibson, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, and at the Rampton State Institution for Mental Defectives. Miss Gibson has been Children's Ward Sister at Hartlepool; Children's Ward Sister and Women's Ward Sister at Lincoln; Senior Assistant Matron at Rampton State Institution. From 1940 to 1945 Miss Gibson served with the Territorial Army Nursing Service, and has recently held the post of Sister Tutor at the Rampton State Institution.

MIDLAND COUNTIES INSTITUTION, KNOWLE, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.—Miss E. T. Smith, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at The Retreat, York, and at the Royal Halifax Infirmary, and has been Deputy Matron at the Brookwood Mental Hospital, Knap-hill; Senior Assistant Matron at the Tooting Bec Hospital, London; Assistant Matron at the Derby County Mental Hospital, Mickleover; and Assistant Matron at Brockhall Colony.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, SUNDERLAND.—Miss V. Sheraton, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Fleming Memorial Hospital for Sick Children, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and at the Princess Beatrice Hospital, London. Miss Sheraton has been Staff Nurse at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street; and Relief Sister, Infant Cubicle Ward Sister, Medical Ward Sister and Home Sister at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, London.

BURNLEY AND DISTRICT INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND SMALLPOX HOSPITALS.—Miss C. Hall, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Lambeth Hospital, London, and has been Assistant Sister Tutor at the Paddington Hospital, London; and Senior Sister Tutor at Park Hospital, Davyhulme, Manchester.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

STEPPING HILL HOSPITAL, STOCKPORT.—Miss M. A. Weir, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained in General Nursing and Midwifery at Hope Hospital, Salford, and has been District Nurse, Rochdale; Staff Nurse and Deputy Ward Sister at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth; Home and Housekeeping Sister at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh; and Ward and Night Sister, Birmingham. Miss Weir was Senior Nursing Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve from 1942—1947, since which time she has been Relief Administrative Sister at Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale. She holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Prince of Wales' Hospital, Plymouth.

REEDYFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NELSON, LANCs.—Miss E. Lawson, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Walton Hospital, Liverpool, and has been Staff Nurse at the Stretford Memorial Hospital, Manchester; Theatre Sister and Home Sister at the Reedyford Memorial Hospital; Housekeeping Sister and Night Sister at the Victoria Central Home, Wallasey; and Housekeeping and Home Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan.

THE SKIN HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.—Miss T. J. Beer, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Central Middlesex Hospital, Willesden, and has been Staff Nurse and Pupil Midwife at the Kingston County Hospital, Kingston-on-Thames; Pupil Midwife and Relief District Nurse, District Nurses' Home, East Barnet; with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Miss Beer served in Italy, North Africa and India; was

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