

Household and Social Science or the Royal College of Nursing, or
An Educational Psychologist.

III. Consideration has also been given to alterations which will be necessitated in the Written Examinations when the foregoing proposals are put into operation, and it has been agreed that the following changes shall be made:—

Preliminary Examination

(i) The division of the Paper for Part II into Section A (Nursing) and Section B (First Aid) to be discontinued. Questions on First Aid will, of course, continue to be included in the Paper.

(ii) On the introduction of the optional questions of an "Introduction to Psychology" in June, 1950, five questions will be set for Part II of the Examination to cover Nursing, First Aid and Psychology, the candidate being required to answer any two questions.

Final Examination

As from the June, 1950, Examinations, the number of questions set in each Written paper forming part of the Final Examinations for each Part of the Register to be reduced by one, the number of questions to be answered remaining the same.

As from and including the June, 1950, Examinations

I. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

(a) *Practical*—The Practical and Oral Nursing Examination will be increased from 30 minutes to 40 minutes.

(b) *Oral*—The formal Oral Examination in Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene will be discontinued.

(c) *Written*—Part I: No change.

Part II: The division of the Paper into two sections (Nursing and First Aid) will be discontinued. Questions on an Introduction to Psychology, which will be optional, will be included in this Paper. Five questions will be set, any two to be answered.

II. FINAL EXAMINATIONS—ALL PARTS OF THE REGISTER

(a) *Practical*—The Practical and Oral Nursing Examination will be increased from 40 minutes to 1 hour.

(b) *Oral*—The formal Oral Examinations in Medicine, Surgery, etc., will be discontinued.

(c) *Written*—The number of questions set in each paper will be reduced by one, the number of questions to be answered remaining the same.

As from and including the October, 1951, Examinations

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION—PART II. It will be a requirement that a candidate applying for entry to the examination shall have had instruction on the section on an Introduction to Psychology.

The minimum number of lectures which must be given in this subject is six.

Addition to Preliminary Examination Syllabus.

The following to be inserted as Section III (a) of the Syllabus of Subjects for Examinations for each part of the Register

Introduction to Psychology.

Outline of General Psychology

(1) Behaviour as a function of organisms reacting to environment.

Type of reaction—Chemical, reflex, instinctive, modifications by intelligence and habit.

(2) Development of human behaviour in family and society. Unconscious motives—mental mechanisms, temperament and character.

(3) *Applied Psychology*—Common effects of illness. Nurse-patient relationships. Convalescence and rehabilitation.

The aim of this course should be to show the student nurse the picture of the human individual as a personality and a

mind as well as a body, with the ultimate aim of making her more effective both in the nursing care that she can give to her patients and in solving her own day-to-day problems.

It is obvious that the interpretation of the syllabus could be very varied and very comprehensive; it is however suggested that this course should be essentially an introduction to the subject and should be presented in as simple a manner as possible. It is not intended that at this stage of training the subject of psychosomatic medicine should be introduced, nor should the use of technical psychological terms be encouraged. The student should understand behaviour as a manifestation of the process of living, affected and modified by changes in the physical environment and physical state of the body, by family and community influences, by education, and so on. There is no suggestion in this syllabus, nor is it considered desirable, that any instruction in matters dealing with investigation or diagnosis of abnormal conditions or psychological methods of treatment should be included.

Application of what she is learning to situations that arise in the student nurse's daily life and work is very important and links can be made here with the teaching given in Theory and Practice of Nursing.

A MEETING of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, on December 22nd, 1949.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £3,350 for weekly salaries and Inspectors' expenses for five weeks, and £500 for postage were allowed.

The Auditors' Report on the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending March 31st, 1949, was agreed.

Estimates to the value of £93 14s. 2d. for equipment and stationery were approved.

In connection with the deficit on the cost of conducting the Assistant Nurses Test, it was reported that the Finance Committee had sent recommendations to the Assistant Nurses Committee dealing with this matter.

Registration.

It was reported that the Registration Committee had considered matters relating to the Election of the newly constituted Council and the Mental Nurses Committee set up under the Nurses Act, 1949, and their recommendations were discussed *in camera*.

Education and Examination

It was reported that the Committee had reviewed the Revised Syllabuses of Subjects for Examination in view of the many new decisions which have been made since they were submitted to the Minister of Health for approval, and it was agreed that amendments be approved.

Assistant Nurses

It was reported that the Committee has considered further the advisability of fixing a closing date for the acceptance of applications for admission to the Roll of Assistant Nurses from persons with existing or intermediate qualifications received after December 31st, 1948 (which are now being dealt with under the Waiver Rule), and has agreed that in view of the number of applications still being received, no closing date be fixed at present but that the position be again reviewed in June, 1950.

Disciplinary Case

The case of Eugenia Paschalides, S.R.N. 165182 was considered by the Council, and it was agreed that the Council postpone judgment on the facts proved against her for a period of six months.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for January 27th, 1950.

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