

June, 1952, State Examinations.

The successful candidates were:—

Preliminary Examination.

Parts I and II	1,587
Part I only	3,189
Part II only	2,303
	7,079

Final Examination.

General	2,598
Male	186
Mental	261
Mental Defectives	86
Sick Children	153
Fever	84
	3,368

Disciplinary Case.

The case of John Dilworth, R.N.M.D. 1333, was further considered and the Registrar was directed to remove his name from the Register of Nurses.

Recall of Student Nurses to the Services as Class Z or similar Reservists.

CONSIDERATION HAS RECENTLY been given by the Council to the question of the recall of student nurses to H.M. Forces for 15 days compulsory training as Class Z or similar reservists and it has been agreed.

- (1) That student nurses who undertake nursing duties in a Service Hospital throughout the period of annual National Service may be allowed to count the full 15 days as part of their training.
- (2) That student nurses who do not undertake nursing duties during the period of annual National Service may be allowed to count seven days of this period provided they have had no sick leave during the year.
- (3) That student nurses who have had the full seven days sick leave allowed in a year and who do not undertake nursing duties during the period of annual National Service may not be allowed to count any of the 15 days as part of their training.

It has further been agreed that student nurses who, in accordance with the above rulings, are required to complete additional training on account of their call-up and whose entry to the Final Examination is as a result likely to be delayed some months, may be allowed to enter for the Examination without being required to make up the period of training of which they are short, provided they have completed the requisite courses of lectures. They will, however, be required to complete the three years' training before being eligible for registration.

Book Reviews.

An Introduction to Medicine for Nurses*

By *Patria Asher, M.D., M.R.C.P.*

THIS IS ONE of the most enjoyable text-books I have ever read. The author has a very real understanding of the work of nurses and sets out to be of the utmost help to them. The sensible explanations of the patients' symptoms and their causes make most fascinating reading for anyone. The nurse who reads this book cannot fail to develop an intense interest in medical work. The whole book is well and clearly

written and adequately illustrated. I think this a book which Tutors would do well to recommend to their students. It should certainly be included in the reference library.

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* William Heinemann Medical Books Ltd., 99, Great Russell Street, London W.C.1. Price 25s. net.

“Growing Up.”* Parts I & II.

By *Mary Thomas.*

THESE TWO VOLUMES contain a wealth of knowledge on how to develop a healthy body, written in simple language with excellent illustrations.

They are fit to grace any home or girls' school.

I would recommend them particularly to girls who are considering a nursing or welfare career, they would, I think, inspire a thirst for greater knowledge of the human body, and a desire to help in the task of the prevention and cure of disease.

Part I gives an excellent “outline” of Anatomy and Physiology, also Hygiene, and a chapter on food, how to buy it and keep it fresh.

Part II gives instructions on healthy beauty culture, dancing exercises, etc. In fact nothing is omitted for development on healthy practical lines. There is even advice on the right approach when seeking employment.

For parents who find it difficult to talk to their children about the facts of life, this subject is dealt with in a sensible and straight forward manner.

The author has collected valuable information about the Social Services, and various Associations concerned.

Never before, in history, has it been more vital, that we should prepare our children for the tasks ahead, and to help them to live a healthy happy life in the service of others.

D. B.

* A. & C. Black, Ltd., Soho Square, London, W.1. Part I, Price 5/6d. Part II, 5/-.

Minister Opens New Blood Transfusion Centre.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, Mr. Iain Macleod, recently opened the new North London Blood Transfusion Centre at Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middlesex. He described the new centre, which is the first to be specially built since 1940, as “probably the finest of its kind” and “a mark of the virility of a Service which is second to none in the world.” The new centre has been built by the North-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, at a cost of £45,000 out of their normal capital allocation. Previously the North London Blood Transfusion Centre was at New Barnet where it used a converted first-aid post as temporary premises.

A Cerebral Palsy Association for S. Africa.

THERE IS NOW a United Cerebral Palsy Association of South Africa, affiliated to the American Association, which has done much there to alleviate and cure that affliction. (Neither a disease, nor hereditary, it is an injury to that part of the brain controlling the action of the muscles.)

There are probably more than ten thousand cases among South African whites, nearly a third under the age of 21. Hitherto, fewer than 200 have been receiving planned treatment.

According to Mr. H. Kessler, the Association's chairman, “along with aid from physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy, combined with the efforts of specialists in physical medicine and other specially trained teams, two out of three sufferers can be ‘salvaged’.”

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