

The Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses.

THIS Society has been founded as a Central School which all Hospitals and Training Institutions are invited to join, in order to provide systematic teaching and uniform examinations to supplement the practical training already given at the General Hospital.

Courses of Lectures in Anatomy and Surgical Anatomy; Physiology and Administration of Drugs; Hygiene and Invalid Cookery, are at present given, but it is hoped shortly to increase the number of subjects taught, and to provide facilities for study for Nurses attending the school.

The following Institutions have already joined the school:—Usher's Quay Nurses' Training Institution; Dublin Orthopædic Hospital; Doctor Steevens' Hospital; Richmond, Whitworth, and Hardwicke Hospitals; Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital; and Miss Huxley, 13, Molesworth Street, Dublin, is the Hon. Secretary.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(1) The School shall be called "The Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses."

(2) The object of this School shall be to instruct Probationer Nurses in Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, Invalid Cookery, and such other subjects outside Hospital training as may be deemed necessary for the efficient training of Nurses.

(3) There shall be two Patrons, viz., the Presidents of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, for the time being, who shall be *ex-officio* Members of the Governing Body.

(4) The Governing Body shall consist of the Matron and one representative of the Medical Staff of each Co-operating Institution.

(5) Intending Candidates shall be required to pass a Preliminary Examination in Reading, Spelling, Writing and Arithmetic, corresponding to the Fourth Class of National Education.

(6) There shall be three Terms in each year, each Term to consist of six Lectures, the same Lecture to be delivered on two separate days in each week.

(7) The first Term to comprise Anatomy and Surgical Anatomy; the second, Physiology and the Administration of Drugs; and the third, Hygiene and Invalid Cookery.

(8) At the conclusion of each Term an Examination shall be held in the subject lectured upon, and a list of Candidates from each Institution arranged in order of merit transmitted to the respective Matrons, but the position of the Nurses of the particular Institution only shall be made known in each case.

(9) If a Nurse fails to pass, she shall present

herself at the next examination, and shall pay a fee for re-examination to be decided upon by the Governing Body.

(10) A Nurse who passes this Examination shall receive a Diploma from the Governing Body, certifying her knowledge in the subjects in which she has been examined.

(11) This Diploma shall be distinct from the Certificate which the Nurse receives from her Hospital for proficiency in general Nursing, and in no case shall this Diploma be delivered to the Nurse until she shall have received her Nursing Certificate after due training.

(12) Lecturers shall be appointed who are unconnected with any of the Co-operating Institutions.

(13) All Courses of Lectures shall be open to any trained Nurse or Probationer on payment of a fee to be fixed by the Governing Body, and they may proceed to the Diploma in the same way as the Probationers belonging to the Co-operating Institutions, subject to the conditions laid down in Rule 11.

(14) One Matron of a Co-operating Institution shall be present at each Lecture and Examination.

(15) The Governing Body to have full power to make new Rules or to amend any of the existing Rules at their discretion, their decision on all matters connected with the School to be final.

(16) For the present the fee to be paid by each Co-operating Institution for every Probationer attending the Lectures is fixed at £1 for the three Terms. This fee includes expenses of Examination.

(17) Institutions other than those at present co-operating, shall pay 10s. for each Probationer attending a Course of Lectures and Examination.

(18) Nurses unconnected with any Institution shall pay 1s. per Lecture, or 5s. for the Course and Examination.

(19) Trained Nurses of the Co-operating Institutions may attend any Lecture on payment of 6d.

(20) Probationers requiring re-examination must present themselves at the time appointed and pay a fee of 5s. for same.

It is a subject for sincere congratulation that the principle of a Central Teaching School for Nurses, with a public unbiassed examination, has been established in the Irish capital, and one which we hope to see soon followed in London and large Provincial Nursing centres. It is indeed a triumph for Irish Nurses that they should be thus the pioneers of a system of reform in Nursing education, which has long been recognised by their English sisters as necessary and inevitable.

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