

printing, and selling the Register of Trained Nurses shall vest in the said Nursing Council, subject to this proviso, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury from Time to Time to fix the Price at which Copies of the said Work are to be sold to the Public.

QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS.

1.—(1) The standard of proficiency required from candidates at the qualifying examinations for Trained Nurses shall be such as sufficiently to guarantee the possession of the knowledge and skill requisite for the efficient nursing of the sick or of women in labour and new-born children; and it shall be the duty of the Nursing Council to secure the maintenance of such standard of proficiency as aforesaid; and for that purpose such number of inspectors as may be determined by the Council shall be appointed by the Council, and shall attend, as the Council may direct, at all or any of the qualifying examinations held by any of the Hospitals which grant Certificates of Training to Nurses.

(2) Inspectors of examinations appointed under this section shall not interfere with the conduct of any examination, but it shall be their duty to report to the Nursing Council their opinion as to the sufficiency or insufficiency of every examination which they attend, and any other matters in relation to such examination which the Nursing Council may require them to report; and the Nursing Council shall forward a copy of every such report to the body or to each of the bodies which held the examination in respect of which the said report was made, and shall also forward a copy of such report, together with any observations thereon made by the said body or bodies, to the Privy Council.

(3) An inspector of examinations appointed under this section shall receive such remuneration, to be paid as part of the expenses of the Nursing Council, as the Nursing Council, with the sanction of the Privy Council, may determine.

SCHEDULE (A.)

LIST OF TRAINING SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM POSSESSING 100 BEDS OR MORE.

SCHEDULE (B.)

DECLARATION required of a person who claims to be registered as a Nurse upon the ground that he or she was in practice as a Nurse in England, Scotland or Ireland before the first day of January, 1880.

SCHEDULE (C.)

FORM OF REGISTER TO BE KEPT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE NURSING COUNCIL.

On County Council Lecturers.*

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THE position of County Council Lecturer has still to be made and established as an honourable position for women. So far, except in the catholic sense that all useful work is honourable, this cannot as yet be claimed. Nor can one pretend that all the work done by women as County Council Lecturers is useful. On the contrary, work attempted by an ill-taught teacher may be worse than useless. It may, in the case of Lecturers who deal with the subjects in which we in this Conference feel deep interest, be most harmful, namely in Sick-Nursing, First Aid to the Injured, and in Hygiene.

As a County Council Lecturer myself, I take keen interest in the working of the Technical Education scheme, and am anxious to see a high standard of professional proficiency required from its teachers and lecturers. But it is admitted that so far this has not been always attained.

The extension of Technical Education in this country under the County Councils is new, and the scheme as yet incomplete and, in some particulars, defective. We are still behind the Continent of Europe in the systematic training that most perfectly develops the skilled craftsman and the artistic workman and workwoman.

And one of the initial difficulties that stood in the way of the Educational Committees of the County Councils charged with the duty of establishing technical training, has been to find teachers qualified to impart practical, as well as theoretical, instruction.

So far as relates to sciences and handicrafts of value to men and boys the difficulty has not been insurmountable—it soon resolved itself. The average man—and, with some brilliant exceptions, no doubt, the County Councillor must be so classed—the average man can easily realise that no person can teach a man, or a boy, a science or handicraft unless he is himself an expert in the same. But the average man is by no means able to see that classes arranged for women need as much skilled teaching as do classes arranged for men.

Nor, to admit the truth, does the average woman realise that fact. The average man and woman alike have in their hearts a mild contempt for "woman's work" that is not easily got rid of. The profane notion of the inferiority of our woman-sex is drilled into us from our babyhood, and it is only spiritually-minded men and women who are able to reject this mischievous teaching and to see the injus-

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