

place, at which Mr. W. Brown, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Guardians, presided, supported by Canons Rhodes and Bristow and Drs. Arkle, Toogood (the Medical Superintendent), Badrock, and Street, and many others interested in the progress of nursing at Lewisham.

The Chairman spoke of the nursing arrangements of the institution and of the progress since the infirmary had been opened. The certificates to be presented were gained by the nurses in examination after a three years' course of training in the infirmary, and implied that the winner was a thoroughly trained and capable nurse. The present was the first presentation that had taken place in connection with the institution, and he would mention that in addition to the usual training, the medical superintendent and assistants, the matron and assistant, and the sisters had voluntarily done much to advance the efficiency of the nurses by holding special classes, which he considered spoke eloquently of their love for their profession and their desire for the welfare of the infirmary.

Drs. Toogood and Arkle spoke enthusiastically of the advancement in the standard of nursing, and the educational method now in force at the Lewisham Infirmary, and Canon Bristow in presenting the certificates paid a high tribute of praise to the work of the medical officers, and matron (Miss Emmie Lofts), resulting as it had done, in the excellent organization for the nursing of the sick, which he said had produced a pæan of gratitude upon the part of the patients.

The recipients of the first certificates in the new nursing school at the Lewisham Infirmary were Nurses Baker and Thompson (bracketed together), Nurses Dods and Hinlay (bracketed together), and Nurses Burgess and Kitsell, who were all warmly applauded upon receiving their diplomas, the pioneers, we may hope, of many well trained professional nurses who will in future years attain to the same standard of professional knowledge and efficiency, and thus prove themselves worthy of the confidence and respect of the public.

Hearty votes of thanks were awarded to the medical officers, the matron, the assistant matron, and the six sisters, all of whom had taken sincere and practical interest in the training of the graduates, before the ceremony was at an end—a ceremony quite on the lines of those mutual and appreciative gatherings which we have had the pleasure of reporting in connection with the certification of nurses in the training schools of America, and which we hope will become more and more in vogue in England.

LEWISHAM INFIRMARY.

Final Examination for Third Year Nurses on Completion of Training.

Examiner: C. J. ARKLE, M.D., M.R.C.P., Assistant Physician to the Charing Cross Hospital, and to

the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton.

Three Hours. Not more than SIX questions to be attempted.

1. Give an account of a case of Typhoid Fever, as you yourself have observed it, and state the precautions you will have to adopt in nursing such a case.

2. State what is meant by the following terms:—

The Cranium. A Long Bone.
A Flat Bone. A Compound Fracture.
Peritonitis. Shock.
Syncope.

3. Give a short account of the Alimentary Canal, and of the process of Digestion in the Mouth and Stomach.

4. Describe a case of acute Rheumatism and state exactly how you would nurse it.

What complications may arise in such a case?

5. How much urine does a healthy adult pass in 24 hours? State accurately what directions you would give in order to find out if a patient is passing the normal amount.

In what diseases is the flow of urine increased?

6. What is—

A turpentine stupe?
A starch and opium enema?
A boracic acid fomentation?
A dry cupping?
A blister?

Give directions for the administration of any two of them.

7. In what diseases are bedsores most apt to arise?

What steps would you take to prevent the occurrence of this complication.

8. Describe the appearance of a patient who is loosing blood slowly or rapidly by some channel, and state what steps you would take to discover the source of such loss.

9. What is an Empyema?

State how it is generally treated.

How do you cleanse a bottle aspirator after use?

10. What are "Nits," and how may they be best destroyed?

How do you recognize—

(a) A round worm;
(b) A tape worm;
(c) A thread worm?

11. State what you know of the rashes of Chicken Pox, Scarlet Fever, Measles, and Typhoid Fever.

12. What are the common signs of death?

It is very important to notice as highly satisfactory that the examination of nurses at Lewisham Infirmary was conducted by an independent medical man and not by the teachers and lecturers

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