

present themselves for their final examination in nursing in their own or in any other registered training-school; and so long as such examination is recognised by the Council, their passing therein shall entitle them, upon fulfilling the other requirements of the Association, to registration on the Register of the Association. It is required, however, of all training-schools thus temporarily examining their own or other trainees that they give the Council one month's notice of such examinations, and forward, in due course, a copy of the examination papers, the names of the examiners, the standard of passing adopted, and the percentage of marks obtained by the different candidates.

Trainees from recognised training-schools with less than forty beds will always be required to pass their final examinations in nursing before the Conjoint Board of Examiners, either in Melbourne or in some country sub-centre, recognised by the Council for that purpose.

VI. Until June, 1905, all final examinations in nursing before the Conjoint Board of Examiners may be modified so as to meet the modified curriculum under which some at least of the trainees may have entered upon their course of training.

VII. All final examinations in nursing must be both written and practical, and no trainee will be eligible for admission to any such examination unless and until she has passed her examinations in elementary anatomy and elementary physiology.

VIII. For the ensuing twelve months the Council has appointed the following to be members of the Conjoint Board of Examiners:—W. Moore, M.D., M.S. (late) Senior Nursing Lecturer, Melbourne Hospital; R. E. Schlesinger, M.B., M.R.C.S., Senior Nursing Lecturer, Alfred Hospital; P. B. Bennie, M.A., M.D., Senior Nursing Lecturer, Children's Hospital; Miss Burleigh, Matron, Melbourne Hospital; Miss Ayres, Matron, Alfred Hospital.

The Conjoint Board of Examiners will set all the written papers for the final examinations in nursing held before the Board in Melbourne or elsewhere, and will examine all the answer sheets. They will also examine practically all trainees who present themselves for examination in Melbourne. For the practical examinations of trainees who present themselves at any recognised sub-centre, the Council will appoint two local co-examiners, a Medical member and a Matron, from the Medical Staff and Matrons of the training-schools sending candidates to such examination, to act in conjunction with a third member who shall be a representative of the Council.

IX. The examinations before the Conjoint Board of Examiners will be held in June and December in each year. The first such examination will be held in December, 1902. Any trainee who has otherwise complied with the regulations laid down

in the articles of agreement, may submit herself for such examination at any period after the completion of two and a half years' training.

X. Although examination before the Conjoint Board of Examiners is thus optional in certain cases up to a certain time, the Council strongly recommends that wherever possible trainees should present themselves for the modified examination before the Board at as early a date as possible, and has decided to give a special form of certificate to all candidates who succeed in passing such examination. The Melbourne Hospital and the Children's Hospital, as well as other leading training-schools, have already signified their intention of substituting the examination before the Board for the final examination in nursing hitherto conducted by their own nursing staffs.

XI. Now that the movement for establishing a uniform system of training, examination, and registration of nurses has been successfully inaugurated and accepted throughout the country, as well as by the metropolis, the Council has decided to take the earliest opportunity of so altering its rules as to give the country training-schools two direct representatives, one medical and one nursing, on the Governing Body of the Association.

On behalf of the Council,

J. W. SPRINGTHORPE,
President.

We congratulate the Victorian Trained Nurses' Association on the organisation which it has achieved during its short period of existence. It is most inspiring and full of hope for the future. In the appointment of its Council it has, as is right, appointed the majority of the members from the profession which is governed. It has at the same time recognised that the medical profession and the public have a stake in the efficiency of nursing, and has therefore courteously accorded seats to them on the governing body. In regard to the election of members, nurse-members must be nurses on the Register of the Association, while medical practitioners and honorary members must be elected by the Council.

The scheme for the examination of nurses throughout the Colony by a Conjoint Board of Examiners is admirable, and it will be observed that the principle is embodied that the examination in practical nursing must be conducted by experienced nurses. This independent examination of trainees must have a stimulating effect upon the training-schools. We observe with pleasure that they are already beginning to recognise its value, and arranging to send up their pupils for examination by the Central Board. We shall watch with extreme interest the progress of nursing in Victoria, for that it will make rapid progress we have no doubt.

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