

for the examination of applicants for licences to practise professional nursing of the sick. It shall hold at least two examinations annually, including the following subjects:—Materia medica, physiology, anatomy, chemistry, obstetrics, urinalysis, children's diseases, sanitation, hygiene, dietetics, and practical care of patients—viz., baths, massage, bandaging. If the results of the examination of any applicant shall be satisfactory to a majority of the board, the secretary shall, upon an order of the board, issue to the applicant a certificate to that effect, and upon payment to the secretary of the board by the candidate a fee of ten dollars, the secretary shall thereupon issue to the person named thereon a licence to practise professional nursing in this State.

The Act provides further that all persons who have duly received licences in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be known and styled a registered nurse, and it shall be unlawful after six months from the passage of this Act for any person to practise professional nursing of the sick as such without a licence in this State, or to advertise as or assume the title of trained nurse or graduate nurse, or to use the abbreviation of T. N. or G. N. or any other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a trained, registered, or graduate nurse.

The Act confers disciplinary powers on the State Board of Examiners, and gives authority, under certain conditions, to revoke a certificate or licence on proved delinquency, after opportunity has been given to the offender to be heard. We are sorry that space does not permit of our publishing the whole Bill, but our readers will gather that it is drawn on wise and just lines. We hope it may speedily become law.

A unique contest of unusual interest was recently held between the cooking classes of the City and Homœopathic Hospital Nurses, Rochester, U.S.A. Ten pupils from each class cooked the food and arranged five trays ready to serve. They were supposedly for patients suffering from albuminuria, anæmia, diabetes, and a light diet, and a full diet tray. The trays, with their pretty china, glass, silver, and dainty linen with a few flowers in harmonious colours, were very attractive. The points considered in judging the merits of the tray were its nutritive quality, its appearance, and its adaptability to the disease of the patient. The prizes consisted of a subscription to the *American Journal of Nursing* for one year to each nurse, and were gained by Miss McCullough and Miss Witmer, of the City Hospital class, for their light diet tray, and to Miss Holligas and Mrs. Parsons, of the Homœopathic Hospital, for the anæmic tray. The judges found the award of the prizes a very difficult matter, as all the trays were so well done.

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Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), as president of the Scottish branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, paid a visit last week to the Scottish district home in Castle Terrace, Edinburgh.

The twenty-third annual Truth Doll and Toy Show was held at the Royal Albert Hall this week, and comprised about twenty-eight thousand dolls and toys provided by the readers of the paper for distribution at Christmas among the children in the hospitals, workhouses, and Poor Law schools of the Metropolis. As in many previous years, an anonymous donor sent eleven thousand new sixpences for the children.

The Male Nurses' (Temperance) Co-operation, Limited, was registered on December 8th, by Hughes and Masterman, 59, New Broad Street, E.C., with a capital of £12,000, in £1 shares (2,000 6 per cent. cumulative-preferred). The objects were: To adopt an agreement with M. C. Walshe, and another agreement with E. R. Brown, to provide male or female nurses or attendants for medical, surgical, mental, and fever cases, dipsomania, paralysis, and otherwise; to establish homes, &c. No initial public issue. The first directors are M. C. Walshe and E. R. Brown. Qualification, £50. We think the Male Nurses' Co-operation would be well advised to content itself with organising male nurses and attendants.

We are sorry to observe the extension of the Holt-Ockley System of Nursing in Scotland, under the auspices of the Duchess of Montrose. The training given under this system is totally inadequate in the opinion of qualified nurses to fit women for the responsible duties which devolve upon them as nurses; moreover, the payment they receive is at starvation rate, and such as no self-respecting lady's-maid would accept for a moment. If a satisfactory curriculum of training is to be laid down for professional women, the advice of experienced Superintendents of Nurse Training Schools is essential.

We publish below a letter addressed by Dr. T. Outterson Wood to *Asylum News*, as demonstrating the attitude assumed by him and the clique of medical men, of which he was one, in the Royal

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