

A nurse to be allowed to call herself "qualified" when holding the certificate for subjects 1 and 2.

To call herself a "qualified monthly nurse" when holding the certificate for subject 3.

To call herself "doubly qualified" when holding the two certificates.

A candidate shall be eligible for the examinations provided that a necessary schedule has been filled up.

Training-Schools shall be Classed as Major and Minor.

A Major Training-School is one from which a nurse can become "doubly qualified."

A Minor Training-School is one in which a nurse can receive only part of her training to become "qualified" or "doubly qualified," but can become a "qualified monthly nurse."

Major Training-School—Requirements.

1. A resident Medical Officer.
2. A "doubly qualified" Superintendent Nurse.
3. Lectures and practical instruction to nurses by Medical Officer and Superintendent Nurse.
4. Medical cases, including typhoid.
5. Surgical cases, including major operations.
6. Gynæcological cases and midwifery.

Minor Training-School—Requirements.

1. A Medical Officer.
2. A "doubly qualified" Superintendent Nurse, or a "qualified" Superintendent Nurse and a "qualified monthly nurse."
3. Lectures and practical instruction to nurses by the Medical Officer, and by the Superintendent Nurse or by a registered medical practitioner authorised by the Medical Officer and accepted by the Central Nursing Board.

4. (a) Medical cases, including typhoid,
or (b) Surgical cases, including major operations,
or (c) Gynæcological cases and midwifery.

5. The school to contain not less than a certain number of beds, the minimum number to be decided by the Central Nursing Board.

The schedule which is to be filled up before a nurse can take the examinations in subjects 1 and 2 must state:—

1. That she has had a training for at least three years in a major school, or at least two years' training in medical work and two years' training in surgical work at a minor school.
2. That she has reached twenty-three years of age.
3. That she has held the post of Staff or Charge Nurse for at least one year—that is, she has had partial control of a ward with a nurse or nurses under her.
4. That she has attended a course of lectures and practical instruction in subjects 1 and 2.
5. That she has done both day and night duty.

The schedule which is to be filled up before a nurse can take the examinations in subject 3 must state:—

1. That she has seen at least twenty labours, attended at least five herself under competent supervision, and also nursed at least twenty patients for ten days following confinement.
2. That the training has extended over at least one year, which in the case of major schools is not included in the three years' training.
3. That she has done at least one year's work in either medical or surgical wards.
4. That she is twenty-three years of age.
5. That she has seen and nursed at least ten gynæcological cases.

With regard to other institutions in which there are nurses, but which do not come under the heading of Major or Minor Schools, I would suggest that a nurse, after having at least two years' experience at such an institution, should, after application and by presenting testimonials, &c., to the Central Nursing Board, be allowed when entering a major school to take the examinations after two years' training there, provided the Central Nursing Board granted that permission, after due consideration of her previous experience.

I would also suggest that the Central Nursing Board should publish a list of Major and Minor Training-Schools.

Special certificates might be granted in mental and infectious nursing.

Mental Nursing—Requirements for Schedule.

1. That the nurse has had three years' work at least at an institution for the insane recognised by the Central Nursing Board.
2. That she has attended lectures and practical instruction in the subject.
3. That she has reached a certain age.
4. That she must be a "qualified nurse."

Infectious Nursing—Requirements for Schedule.

1. That the nurse has had at least two years' work at an infectious hospital recognised by the Central Nursing Board.
2. That she has attended lectures and practical instruction in the subject.
3. That she has reached a certain age.
4. That she must be a "qualified nurse."

For obtaining these two certificates a special examination in each subject might be held twice a year.

I have purposely abstained from making any comment on these suggestions, because it would necessitate writing at a much greater length, and for the present, until something official has been drawn up, it would serve no practical purpose.

Hoping I have not trespassed too much on your space,

Believe me,
Yours faithfully,

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[Criticism and discussion of the important points raised in this letter are invited by the writer.—Ed.]

THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I feel sure that no nurse who realises the true significance of co-operation amongst nurses can have read your able survey of the crisis in the Glasgow Nurses' Co-operation, or the articles which have appeared in the press with reference to the friction in the London Nurses' Co-operation, without deep regret for their cause.

I am an old "Co-op." nurse, and therefore speak with experience, and, if space permits, shall consider it a favour if I may state my view of the case. It is simple. We are told that "man cannot live by bread alone." How true! May I add that a nurse cannot live by cash alone. Here, in my opinion, is where Nurses' "Co-operations" have failed. In my experience, the majority of my colleagues joined the "Co-op." for commercial purposes alone. I do not complain of that, but I do plead that without some

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