

## British Gynæcological Examinations.

It is announced that the first examinations of the British Gynæcological Society for its Maternity Nursing and Gynæcological Nursing certificates will be held on June 4th in London, and, if a sufficient number of candidates from the surrounding districts present themselves, the written part of the examination will also be held simultaneously on the same day in Newcastle-on-Tyne and in Birmingham. The *vivâ voce* examination of all English candidates will be held on the afternoon of June 18th in London. Arrangements are being made for the holding of the written part of these examinations in future in other important local centres, so as to save the candidates a second journey to the metropolis. It is also proposed, as soon as the want has been shown, to hold the written examinations in local centres in Scotland and Ireland, and the *vivâ voce* examinations for such nurses in Edinburgh and Dublin respectively. Those who desire to become candidates for the June examinations should apply at once for the necessary application forms to the Secretary of the Society, Dr. Aarons, 14, Stratford Place, London, W.

We have received many inquiries as to the qualifications of nurses who are desirous of entering for the forthcoming examination in gynæcological nursing of the British Gynæcological Society. We therefore state once more that nurses are eligible for this examination who produce satisfactory evidence of at least a year's general training, and of training in the gynæcological wards of a general hospital, or in the wards of a hospital for women.

For the Maternity examination nurses can enter under similar conditions, the special training in this case having been received in lying-in wards, or in a hospital receiving cases of this class.

We have also been consulted as to a text-book for nurses on these subjects, and have pleasure in directing attention to the admirable Manual of Obstetric and Gynæcologic Nursing (recently reviewed in these columns) by Dr. Edward P. Davis, Professor of Obstetrics in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in the Philadelphia Polyclinic. It is published by Messrs. W. B. Saunders and Co., 161, Strand, W.C., price 8s. net, and is well worthy of the attention of nurses taking up these special subjects.

It is interesting to compare standards of education in different countries, and we have therefore pleasure in publishing the curriculum of study prescribed for Registered Gynæcological Nurses in Victoria, Australia. It comprises the following:—

I. Practical Bedside Instruction for a period of six months by the Resident Surgeon and Sisters in the Infirmary Department.

II. Weekly Course of Lectures during a period of six months by the Resident Surgeon and Matron in the Infirmary Department (of which three-fourths must be attended) and a Course of Six Lectures each three months by the Honorary Surgeons to the Infirmary Department (of which one full Course must be attended).

III. A sound general knowledge of:—

- (a) The Special Anatomy and Physiology of the Female Pelvis and Generative Organs.
- (b) The Causes of and Conditions that Tend to Disease of the Pelvic Organs, and the Channels through which Infection reaches the Peritoneum.
- (c) The Chief Germicidal Agents used in Gynæcology; the Prevention of Sepsis through hands, skin, instruments, sponges, dressings, sutures, and ligatures, the patient's immediate environment, &c.
- (d) The Preparation of the Patient for Operation; Serious Symptoms that may Follow Operation and their close Observation; the Nurse's Duty in Emergencies and her Action pending the Arrival of the Surgeon.
- (e) The Technique of Minor Gynæcological Procedures, Hypodermic Injections, Passage of Catheters, Vaginal Douching, Rectal Irrigation, Sponging, &c.
- (f) The Nurse's Obligations in respect to:—(1) her Patient, (2) her Surgeon, (3) her Employer, and (4) her Profession.

## El United Voice.

### A HEALTHY SIGN.

It has been a great pleasure to us to receive during the last few days no less than four Nurses' Journals, two of them new ventures and from the Antipodes. There could be no healthier sign in the nursing profession than its bursting out into print in this way. It proves that nurses, like other professional workers, feel their need of organs in the Press, in which to discuss matters of moment to them, and by means of which they can keep in touch with professional progress and with the movements of their colleagues. First, then, we welcome

THE AUSTRALASIAN NURSES' JOURNAL, the Journal of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, which, in a rose-coloured cover, is on the model of St. Bartholomew's Hospital *League News*.

The editorial leading article recapitulates the objects with which the Association was founded, and shows in what degree these objects have been accomplished, and a very good record of work it is. Briefly:—

1. The Association has compiled and published a Register containing the names of nearly 600 nurses, these including, with very few exceptions, the names of all nurses in New South Wales qualified by training and experience to exercise their calling, as well as the names of nurses from other colonies similarly qualified.

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