

Educational Matters.

THE VICTORIAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION. REGISTRATION OF MIDWIFERY AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL NURSES.



It is interesting to note the standard defined by the Victorian Trained Nurses' Association for Midwifery and Gynæcological Nurses.

At present one hospital in the Colony, the Women's Hospital, Melbourne, is recognised as a training-school in these special branches. The number of beds for midwifery cases is forty-nine, and for gynæcological cases thirty-eight, so that the training-ground is sufficient to afford a varied experience.

According to the regulations of the Association, none but nurses on the General Register are to be admitted as trainees in institutions recognised by it as training-schools in these special subjects.

The course of study in each special branch of nursing is to be of not less than six months' duration.

Candidates for examination as midwifery nurses are required to produce—

Hospital certificates of having witnessed not less than forty cases and of personally conducting not less than ten cases of labour, and of having passed not less than four weeks in the labour ward of the hospital.

Evidence of practical bedside instruction extending over six months by the Resident Surgeon to the midwifery department, and by two Sisters, one in the labour ward and one in the after-treatment ward.

Of having attended weekly courses of lectures by the medical staff and the Matron.

Sound general knowledge of

(a) The Elementary Anatomy and Physiology of the Female Pelvis and Generative Organs.

(b) The Symptoms, Mechanism, Course, and Management of Natural Labours.

(c) The Signs that a Labour is Abnormal.

(d) Hæmorrhage: Varieties and their Treatment.

(e) Antiseptics in Midwifery and the way to use them.

(f) The Management of the Puerperal State, including the use of Thermometer, Catheter, &c.

(g) The Management and Feeding of the New-born Infant.

(h) The Duties of the Nurse with regard to the seeking of Medical Aid.

The Curriculum of Study for Gynæcological Nurses covers the special ground required of nurses who take up this branch of work. One interesting subject for examination is specially noticeable, *i.e.*: "The Nurse's Obligations in respect to (1) her Patient, (2) her Surgeon, (3) her Employer, and (4) her Profession."

Nursing Echoes.

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The sum subscribed as the Women's Memorial to the late Sovereign, in connection with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, and for which a cheque is to be handed to the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace during the present month, is £66,700. An interesting feature in the list of subscribers is that it contains the names of a large number of native women, in Mombasa, the Gambia, and Jamaica. The sum subscribed will be invested as capital and added to the Jubilee (1887) offering of the Women of the Empire, with which Queen Victoria founded the Institute.

One of the chief functions performed by the King and Queen during their recent visit to Edinburgh was the opening of the new City Hospital at Colinton Mains. On their Majesty's arrival at the main entrance they were received by the Lord Provost, Lord Rosebery, and Lady Steel. After the presentation and reception of an address, the King opened the door with a golden key, and formally declared the building open. The Royal party then entered the building and had tea in the rooms prepared for their reception. In the entrance hall Sir Henry Littlejohn, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Affleck, Consulting Physician, Dr. Ker, Medical Superintendent, Mr. Robert Morham, City Architect, and Miss Sandford, Lady Superintendent of the Hospital, were presented by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

Miss Sandford, on behalf of the Sisters and nurses, presented the Queen with an exquisite bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley, and Mrs. Lang Todd handed to Her Majesty a specially-bound volume containing a description of the hospital and views of the buildings. The Queen expressed to Miss Sandford her pleasure and gratification for the kind greeting and for the beautiful manifestation of the nurses' regard. Her Majesty asked a number of questions about the hospital, and Miss Sandford, on behalf of the staff, thanked the Queen for the great interest she had taken in the nursing profession.

Their Majesties on their way to the City Hospital passed the Royal Infirmary, where the managers had had two stands erected to allow the nurses and

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