

Registration in New Zealand.

The examination for the Registration of Nurses in New Zealand was recently held in eleven centres, about fifty-five candidates presenting themselves for examination. One of the reasons that the organisation of the nursing profession in New Zealand has been comparatively easy has been the small number of hospitals and nurses affected by legislation, in comparison to the hundreds of hospitals and nursing institutions and thousands of nurses of all grades and classes which have to be considered at home.

The following are the questions given in the Final Paper on Nursing in the New Zealand Examination:—

NURSES' REGISTRATION ACT.

FINAL PAPER: NURSING.

May 6th.—Time: Three hours.

1. The operation of abdominal hysterectomy is to be done. Describe in detail:
 - (a) Preparation of patient.
 - (b) Instruments required.
 - (c) After-nursing of the patient.
 2. Describe fully the points to be attended to in nursing a case of typhoid fever: What are the complications to be expected? How are they to be recognised and managed?
 3. How would you give: (a) A vaginal douche; (b) A nutrient enema; (c) A hypodermic of strychnine?
 4. State fully the manner in which you would prepare the following materials for an operation: (a) Sponges; (b) catgut; (c) silk; (d) silkworm gut.
 5. How would you recognise poisoning by the following agents:
 - (a) Laudanum.
 - (b) Carbolic acid.
 - (c) Atropine.
 - (d) Perchloride of mercury.
- What measures would you adopt in the treatment of such cases?
6. What do you understand by the terms:
 - (a) Rigor.
 - (b) Antipyretic.
 - (c) Diaphoretic.
 - (d) Cheyne-Stokes' respiration.
 - (e) Lysis.
 7. Give the general symptoms of a fracture in the case of a fracture of the shaft of the femur. Give in detail:
 - (a) Preparation of bed.
 - (b) Preparation of splints and any other materials the surgeon is likely to require.
 - (c) The after-nursing of the case.
 8. What are the symptoms of uræmia? Describe fully the measures that are usually taken to combat it.

Nursing Echoes.

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“Jadi,” writing of the Rev. F. B. Meyer in “The Man in the Pulpit” sketches in the *Morning Leader*, having wandered into Christ Church in the Westminster Bridge Road, has something to say of his Hospital Sunday sermon:—

“It is Hospital Sunday here as well as in the outer rain, and the tender spirit of the minister of Christ Church utters itself in an eloquent plea for these great houses of pain. But he distinguishes sharply between the hospitals which permit their doctors to torture dumb animals and those which are free from the taint of vivisection. Speaking to the children, he denounces those institutions which combine the heavenly work of healing with the hellish work of torment. He declares that the offerings of Christ Church will not be given to the Hospital Fund, but solely and exclusively to those hospitals which are guiltless with regard to our dumb brethren. The dogs, the rabbits, the cats, the birds, he recognises, like St. Francis of Assisi, as our little brothers and sisters. In his prayer he prays that the pity of Christ may come upon men of science and prevent them from sinning against the animals which God has given us in trust. As he ceases there rises from the congregation a chorus of passionate amens. If every London pulpit spoke with the clear voice of the pulpit of Christ Church, vivisection would be swept out of the London hospitals to-morrow. Unfortunately, the churches are strangely indifferent to the sufferings of animals. A terrible responsibility lies on those ministers of religion who induce their people to give money to hospitals which use a portion of it, not in curing, but in causing pain.”

One of the unpleasant features of modern “charity” is that the donor requires a *quid pro quo* for his cash, and so before the great Hospital Ball, given at the Albert Hall on behalf of the London Hospital, the Press whetted the palate of the epicure, and stimulated his (or her) desire to accord the function support by booming the “supper by Benoist” and the delicacies which would be provided for the consumption of the charitable. Prominent amongst these were 3,000 larks and as many quails. It only remains to be added that this time

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