

Obstetric operations. Complications of the puerperium. Accidents during delivery. Abnormalities and diseases of the newly-born. Infant feeding.

(e) ORAL AND PRACTICAL.

The practical examination will embrace such work as bed-making; cooking of simple dishes for invalids; arranging instruments and appliances for surgical use; preparing splints and dressings; bandaging; preparing fomentations, poultices, baths, packs, steam-tents, enemata, and hypodermic injections; taking temperatures and pulse and respiration rates; testing urines; dressing ulcers and bedsores; and administering medicines.

The oral examination will include all the subjects of study.

5. A nurse will be permitted to divide this examination into two parts. Any two of the above sections may be taken at the end of the second year, and the remainder at the end of the nurse's period of training. A fee of 10s. will be required for the complete examination. If a nurse fail to pass the examination she shall be permitted to enter again on payment of a further fee of 5s. for each subsequent examination. Failure in one or more subjects will not necessitate re-examination in subjects in which the nurse may have satisfied the examiners.

6. Where there is more than one medical officer in the Poorhouse Hospital, the principal Medical Officer may allocate the duty of lecturing between himself and his assistants. Such allocation, or changes therein, should be intimated to the Local Government Board. The Board suggest the following scheme of lectures, which may, however, be modified to suit the special requirements of each hospital:—

FIRST YEAR.

*Lecture.*—One hour each week on Elementary Anatomy and Physiology; one hour each week on Medical and Surgical Nursing.

*Text-books.*—"Physiology for Beginners." Foster and Shore (Macmillan, price 2s. 6d.).

"Elementary Physiology." Murché (Blackie and Son, price 2s.).

"Elementary Anatomy." Clarke (Blackie and Son, price 5s.).

"Medical and Surgical Nursing." Humphry (Griffin and Co., price 3s. 6d.).

"Practical Nursing." Stewart and Cuff (Blackwood and Sons, price 5s. nett).

"A Complete System of Nursing." Honnor Morten (Dent and Co., price 7s. 6d. nett).

"General Nursing." Lückes (Kegan Paul, price 2s. 6d.).

SECOND YEAR.

*Lecture.*—One hour each week on Midwifery; one hour each week on Medical and Surgical Nursing.

*Text-books.*—"A Short Practice of Midwifery for Nurses." Jellett (Churchill, price 6s.).

"Textbook of Midwifery." Jardine (Kimpton, price, 6s.).

"Obstetric Nursing." Haultain and Ferguson (Pentland, price 5s.).

"Handbook for Attendants on the Insane." Medico-Psychological Association (Baillière, Tindall and Cox, price 2s.).

THIRD YEAR.

*Lecture.*—One hour each week on Medical and Surgical Nursing; one hour each week on Hygiene and Dietetics.

*Text-books.*—Practical Domestic Hygiene: Notter and Firth (Longmans, price 2s. 6d.).

Hygiene: Wakefield (Blackie & Son, price 2s.).

7. The lecturer will advise probationers as to the text-books that they should use. He may supplement these text-books by any others that he may think specially applicable to the phase of the subject under consideration. He should, as far as possible, illustrate his lectures by diagrams, drawings, lantern slides, models, specimens, and actual cases.

The Lady Superintendent will make it her special care to secure that probationers receive adequate training in the practical use of all medical and surgical appliances proper to their work. The nurses should be encouraged to independent reading and study in connection with their work. A small library containing books likely to assist them in their studies should be entrusted to the Lady Superintendent for the use of the nurses.

8. The Board will periodically intimate when and where examinations will be held. Application forms will at the same time be forwarded to the Medical Officer, who will see that a form is supplied to any nurse that may wish to present herself for examination. The form of application, when filled up, should be transmitted to the Secretary of the Local Government Board. Postage need not be paid.

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9. These examinations will not meantime affect the system under which the Board place on their Register the names of nurses qualified by two years of training in a hospital in which there is a resident medical officer. But parchment certificates will be granted only to those nurses that pass the Board's examination, and it is expected that all nurses in parochial service will endeavour to obtain this certificate.

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Secretary.

Local Government Board, Edinburgh.

January 10th, 1907.

## The Resignation of Miss Ramsden.

We greatly regret to learn that Miss Grace A. Ramsden, who for many years has held the position of Matron at the St. Marylebone Poor-Law Infirmary, Notting Hill, is resigning her position on the ground that she is losing her sight. Dr. Charles Higgins, late senior ophthalmic surgeon at Guy's Hospital, forwarded to the Board of Guardians a certificate stating that, in his opinion, the sight of Miss Ramsden's only eye has suffered from the amount of clerical work she has been doing for some years, and the Board has decided to ask the Local Government Board to add three years to Miss Ramsden's period of service on account of the accelerating cause of her failing sight, and to grant her a superannuation allowance of £67 per annum.

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