

tributed to the high reputation of the institution. Thirty-six of the nurses have been placed on the pension list of £20 per annum, and the surplus £5,000 has been handed over to the Birmingham District Nursing Society, to which annually about £170 had been given.

The interesting illustration reproduced from *Una*, which appears on this page, shows the candidates at the Final Examination of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, held at Melbourne in December last. We hope it foreshadows what will be seen in many cen-

the Clewer Sisterhood. It may be taken for granted and is indeed not denied that the Sisters have been most self-denying in their devotion to duty, but it was asserted that some at least of them lack both nursing and administrative experience, with the result that friction ensued. They on their side complained in regard to the nurses that the material with which they had to deal was bad.

The Committee now recommends that the administrative heads of the hospitals should have a voice in the selection of probationers,



A FINAL EXAMINATION OF NURSES IN MELBOURNE.

tres in this country when similar examinations are conducted, under the authority of the General Council for the Registration of Nurses in the United Kingdom.

A special Sub-Committee was recently appointed by the late Lieutenant-Governor to report upon the management and control of the Calcutta Hospitals, particularly the Medical College Hospital and the Presidency General Hospital, in which the supervision and discipline of the nursing staffs has been vested in

and that the final confirmation of the latter should rest with them, that complete control should be given to the administrative head of each hospital in respect of the nurses while on duty and that lay Superintendents should be substituted for the Clewer Sisters, and that the control of the nurses while not on duty in matters affecting conduct and discipline should be vested in the administrative head of the hospital and a small committee of ladies and gentlemen nominated by the Calcutta Hospital Nurses' Institution.

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