

5. Give a list of the most commonly used enemas and write out the exact composition of each. Describe the method of administration of a nutrient enema.

6. Give a brief description of the various uses of water in the treatment of the acute infectious diseases.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (SCOTLAND).

EXAMINATION OF NURSES.

On 24th November and subsequent days, the Local Government Board for Scotland held an examination for the certification of trained sick nurses and of trained fever nurses. The examination was held at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen. The examiners were Dr. Templeman, Medical Officer of Health, Dundee; Professor Glaister, The University, Glasgow; and Dr. Johnston, Medical Superintendent of the Parish Hospitals, Glasgow, who were assisted in the practical part of the examination by Miss Thomas, Matron of the City Hospital, Edinburgh, and by Miss Merchant, Matron of the Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow.

The subjects of examination were Elementary Anatomy and Physiology; Hygiene and Dietetics; Medical and Surgical Nursing; Midwifery (for Poor Law and General trained nurses); and Infectious Diseases (for Fever trained nurses only). In all, 201 candidates presented themselves for examination. Of these, 100 were examined in Anatomy and Physiology; 92 in Hygiene and Dietetics; 30 in Medical and Surgical Nursing (for Poor Law and General trained nurses); 24 in Medical and Surgical Nursing (for Fever trained nurses); 22 in Midwifery; and 31 in Infectious Diseases.

In *Anatomy and Physiology*, 4 nurses obtained distinction, 64 obtained a simple pass, and 32 failed.

In *Hygiene and Dietetics*, 3 nurses obtained distinction, 66 obtained a simple pass, and 23 failed.

In *Medical and Surgical Nursing* (for Poor Law and General trained nurses), 28 nurses obtained a simple pass, and 2 failed.

In *Medical and Surgical Nursing* (for Fever trained nurses), 2 nurses obtained distinction, 21 obtained a simple pass, and 1 failed.

In *Midwifery*, 16 nurses obtained a simple pass, and 6 failed.

In *Infectious Diseases*, 5 nurses obtained distinction, 25 obtained a simple pass, and 1 failed.

The following candidates have now completed the examination and are entitled to the certificate of efficiency granted by the Local Government Board:—

1. *Certificate in General Training*.—I. P. Anderson, K. M. Burke, A. Cameron, J. S. Crockett, W. Farmer, E. P. Galloway, J. S. Gordon, A. Guthrie, A. I. Hadden, A. Kerr, M. M. Kerr, M. A. Macbeth, A. E. McConachie, J. W. McCulloch, I. R. H. Macdonald, I. Mackeeg, M. MacLean, A. T. Macleod, J. Macpherson,

C. J. MacRae, E. H. Parker, J. B. Paterson, M. R. Reaper, M. S. T. Thomson, M. W. Wilson, E. M. Livingstone, E. L. Swankie, H. Lorimer.

2. *Certificate in Fever Training*.—J. T. Cunningham, E. Davidson, H. B. Eglinton, E. Flynn, M. H. Harper, M. S. W. King, L. Livingston, M. C. Mackinnon, C. H. D. Anderson, M. Cameron, P. M. Cooper, A. M. Davies, M. S. Douglas, B. Edwards, M. Grewar, A. Longmuir, J. Meikle, N. B. Milne, E. MacGregor, E. J. Mackenzie, J. Sinclair, H. W. Toshack, M. I. Walker, J. C. M. Robertson, E. B. Cowan, M. D. Salmond, J. W. Copland, E. J. Grant, M. Malcolm, J. A. M. Paterson, J. A. Ross, A. Stuart, L. Whyte, B. Bisset.

It has been decided to ask for a Local Government Board enquiry into the general administration of the Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, in connection with a complaint as to the treatment of a child now deceased.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

The British Red Cross Society has the authority of the War Office for stating that no further voluntary hospitals are required at present for the British Expeditionary Force in France, and that any voluntary hospitals at present on the Continent, or which may at some future time proceed to the Continent, will work as base hospitals only, and will not be allowed to proceed further.

PRACTICAL POINT.

Aerating Water.

If a patient is ordered to drink boiled water, its insipid taste may be overcome by aerating it. A simple method is to beat it for a few minutes with one of Horlick's rotary beaters, obtainable for a few pence. Pasteurised water may be prepared as follows: Fill some bottles with fresh water filtered through absorbent cotton placed in a funnel. Seal with corks covered by absorbent cotton. Place the bottles on an inverted plate in a galvanized pail, with newspaper between them to prevent cracking. Fill them with cold water up to the necks of the bottles. Place the pail on a stove, and test the heat until it reaches 176 degs. Then remove the pail, and cover it closely with newspapers, blanket or other non-conducting material, and let it stand twenty minutes. Then cool rapidly and place on ice. This process will kill all harmful germs without destroying the sparkle or flavour of the water.

LEGAL MATTERS.

Kate Hume was again charged at Dumfries recently with fabricating two letters in connection with the Dumfries bogus atrocity story regarding her sister, Nurse Hume. It was found that the adjournment of the Pleading Diet was incompetent, and it was intimated on behalf of the Crown that the charge was withdrawn. A new trial will probably be proceeded with.

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