

deered by the War Office, which is responsible for the rent, and it pays a subsidy for each officer admitted. It is therefore supported by King's taxes, to which we are compelled to subscribe. As a taxpayer, we therefore protest vigorously against being compelled to exonerate the Committee of this military hospital from all responsibility, and from enquiry, when it is accused of ill-treating our public servants, and thereby callously injuring the professional reputations of blameless women.

If this institution and its professional staff belong to Sir Archibald and Lady Williamson, let them pay for them, and thus constitute their control "a domestic affair." Professional women will then have themselves to blame if they accept service in their employ. At present, as Miss Tubbs points out in her admirable letter to the Secretary of State for War, "trained nurses employed there believed they were under the protection of the War Office," as they certainly ought to be. This episode is only one more proof of the serious disorganization of military nursing through the vicious system of accepting charity, and with it civil patronage, for our sick and wounded soldiers, when their care should be the first charge on the huge sums of money cheerfully paid by a grateful nation through increased taxation. In the near future let us hope our troops, officers and men, may alike be provided, as their right, with the highest nursing skill available, and that their nurses will be, as medical officers of course are, under the direct control and protection of the State Department which is paid to exercise such responsibility.

#### A POPULAR ASSOCIATION.

The report to be submitted to the forthcoming annual meeting of the Queen Victoria District Nursing Association at Sheffield is an excellent record of work. The Council report that eight of the nurses have been called up for war work, but no difficulty has been experienced in obtaining fully trained and competent nurses to fill the vacancies, and it acknowledges the way in which the Superintendent (Miss Hancox) has arranged for the high efficiency of the whole nursing work, and for the economical management of the Home.

The report received from Headquarters, as a result of the Annual Inspection, comments on the fact that notwithstanding the unusual difficulties created in consequence of the war, the good work has not been curtailed, and says that Miss Hancox is to be congratulated on her ability to fill the vacancies so created.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (SCOTLAND).

#### EXAMINATION OF NURSES.

On November 16th, and subsequent days an examination for the certification of trained sick nurses, and trained fever nurses was held by the Local Government Board for Scotland, at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen. The examiners were Dr. Templeman, Medical Officer of Health, Dundee; Professor Glaister, the University, Glasgow; Dr. John Gordon, Aberdeen; and Dr. Richard, Medical Officer of Govan Poor House.

The practical part of the examination was conducted by Miss Thomas, Matron of the City Hospital, Edinburgh, and Miss Merchant, Matron of the Eastern Hospital, Glasgow.

The results were as follows:—

	Distinction	Passed	Failed
In Anatomy and Physiology	7	74	22
In Hygiene and Dietetics ..	6	73	14
In Medical and Surgical Nursing (for Poor Law and General Trained Nurses) .. ..	3	21	1
In Medical and Surgical Nursing (for fever trained Nurses) .. ..	3	34	1
In Midwifery .. ..	2	25	1
In Infectious Diseases ..	6	38	—

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.*—Flora Cameron, Mary A. Cameron, Louisa Edwards, Janet P. Gracie, Marion L. Gray, Bethia M. Green, Elizabeth C. Hay, Gertrude Inglis, Margaret E. Jack, Jean C. Jeffrey, Mary I. Kelly, Margaret Knox, Mary Lindsay, Isabel S. Logan, Helen K. Magee, Jessie L. Macadam, Isabella M. Macbeth, Mary J. O'Sullivan, Mary Ramsay, Isabella Reid, Mary Shanley, Marion S. Walker, Jessie McLeod, Isabella Skakle.

2.—*Certificate in Fever Training.*—Jean Aitken, Penelope B. Cattran, Kathleen J. L. Claney, Jess M. Cunningham, Annie J. Cursiter, Annie Goodwin, Agnes S. Green, Constance Howitson, Janet M. Jolly, Elsie J. Morgan, Gertrude McElhinney, Isabella M. Nicolson, Catherine Stewart, Charlotte F. W. Wells, Edith Clark, Margaret L. Duncan, Margaret Gallie, Helen P. Gordon, Margaret Guthrie, Lucy D. Jenking, Elizabeth C. Keith, Helen B. R. Kinnear, Beatrice F. Longmire, Winifred I. M. Miller, Johann McLean, Mary E. Shennan, Evelyn M. Tennent, Isabel I. Wallace, Helen A. Strachan, Elizabeth L. Swankie, Isabella L. Balfour, Elizabeth A. M. Blease, Barbara Booth, Mary A. S. Brebner, Frances E. Bruce, Helen Craib, Bella Duncan, Susan S. Falconer, Margaret W. Laird, Margaret A. Lamb, Isabella J. Leith, Elizabeth S. Milne, Margaret M. Watt.

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