

## QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES. THE RED CROSS IN PEACE TIME.

### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Jessie Fordyce is appointed to Stockton and Thornaby as Superintendent. Miss Emma Stevens Brown to Clevedon, Miss Amy E. Burkin to Kingswinford, Miss Kate Irwin to Gloucester, Miss Mary A. McGrath to Manchester (Salford), Miss Eva E. Tomlinson to Cromer.

### EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES, MARCH 20TH, 1919.

1. In what respect do young children suffer from improper unsuitable clothing, and what advice would you give to a mother on the subject?

2. What are the chief difficulties connected with the use of cow's milk for feeding an infant? Give some of the methods adopted for diminishing these difficulties.

3. What is eclampsia? What are the symptoms which accompany it? How would you deal with an eclamptic convulsion in the absence of a doctor?

4. What is a varicose vein, and what is the treatment if a rupture occurs in the district and a doctor cannot be obtained?

5. What would you do if called to a patient who had taken a poisonous dose of (1) carbolic acid, (2) oxalic acid, (3) opium, if there is delay in getting a doctor?

6a. What are some of the most important points to be aimed at and considered and dealt with on a nurse's first visit to a case? or

6b. What steps have been taken recently to combat venereal diseases and what public bodies are connected with this matter? What would you do or how would you act, if you had reason to suspect either form of this disease in a pregnant woman?

Questions 6a and 6b are alternative; only one should be answered.

### THE CITIZEN NURSE.

Votes were granted at the Southgate Revision Court on April 2nd to 140 nurses at the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, which means that all women nurses, at the age of thirty, on the staffs of the Fever Hospitals and Asylums of the Metropolitan Asylums Board have a right to the Parliamentary vote, and should at once claim it, if they have not already done so. Nothing could have been more unfair than leaving the decision concerning hospital nurses' votes to the Revision officers in the various districts—as apparently they conceded or denied *the right* according to their own sweet wills. For instance, the London Hospital nurses were placed on the register in Whitechapel, and the Bart's nurses excluded in the City. Now, nurses, don't wait to have this important matter settled for you, demand your political rights as citizens, and don't be happy till you get them!

It has been decided by the Allied Red Cross at Cannes, in full agreement with the International Committee sitting at Geneva, that for the encouragement of the works of peace, a meeting of the Red Cross of all nations shall take place at Geneva thirty days after the signing of peace.

The Committee now meeting at Cannes is drawing up a scheme through which the Red Cross may battle with disease in peace time.

The past week's work of the Committee has been devoted to consideration of a central international health bureau to act as a link for the Red Cross Societies of the world. Many eminent medical men are taking part in the conference, and many excellent recommendations were made.

Dr. Truby King said in his infant life-saving campaign he had always concentrated on the mother, as she was the eternal executive of the home.

He referred to the appalling fact that half the inmates of our lunatic asylums were suffering from disease introduced during the first nine months of their life, and he appealed for the great health crusade to be undertaken to concentrate on the children.

As we reported last week, Miss Lloyd Still, Matron of St. Thomas' Hospital, and Miss Gill, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, are there to give evidence as members of the nursing profession in this country on nursing matters.

If professional women are to have a dominating voice on nursing matters on the Council of the Red Cross in this country, then it may go forward and do useful work in time of peace. No doubt evidence will be taken also from nurses of other Red Cross organisations, and we hope that the British Matrons will meet their American colleagues at Cannes and confer with them on the subject of professional organisation in connection with the Red Cross.

Let us hope that one of the results of the Conference will be to place Red Cross nursing on a thoroughly professional basis.

Major Astor (Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board) says soldiers discharged owing to pulmonary tuberculosis number 25,000; about 3,150 soldiers were undergoing residential treatment in sanatoria and hospitals on March 1, and 470 were on the waiting list.

### TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

"I hear your mother has taken a new room, Polly. Does she like it?"

"No, she don't 'zactly, Sister. Yer see, one side's down-hill, like, and the other side's up-hill like."

(The working classes are never satisfied, are they?)

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