

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

### GRATITUDE FOR SUGGESTIONS.

It is the desire of the Education and Examination Committee of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to express their gratitude for the suggestions and criticisms at the Conference held on April 28th, 1921.

In most cases the criticisms of certain details of the Syllabus are being met, or have been explained and readjusted.

On page 2, para. 5, of the Syllabus, it has been decided to recommend the Council to insert the words "District Nursing" before the words "Public Sanitation and Public Health," and in the Syllabus for First year of Training, column 3 (Practical Nursing) Sections 3 and 8, to insert the words "preparation for" before the examinations specified.

With reference to criticisms that the first year's work is overcrowded, it should be pointed out that the subjects can be taught by a trained nurse, and that they can be woven in together in so simple a manner as to elucidate one another, and provide a general but intelligent nursing education, the details of which should be seen and taught in the wards. This arrangement seems especially suitable as a preparation for the less educated candidate and will be followed by the subsequent teachings of specialists and senior teachers in the second and third years of training.

In view of the position that Preventive Medicine is taking in the National scheme, it is surely desirable that the training of a nurse should follow along preventive lines, and must therefore include some knowledge of ante-natal conditions, together with maternity work. It must be remembered that the majority of complications arising during and after pregnancy come under the care of a general-trained nurse.

It should be clearly understood that this Syllabus was compiled for the information of those who teach, and are responsible for teaching the training nurse, and is not meant to be placed in the hands of the probationer, for whom any scientific and technical terms must necessarily be interpreted.

Public Health and Sanitation are subjects of such growing importance in the training of a nurse, that it is deemed advisable they should be brought to her notice and kept in full view throughout her training. Hygiene and Elementary Science are included, as being the foundation of the nurse's work, and it is desirable to point out that in the first year of her training, these subjects are taught with reference to her daily work and life in the wards.

It should be emphasised that the aim of the instruction given in the first year should be to stimulate enthusiasm, and to give the probationer an intelligent outlook, rather than to accumulate or memorise details, the material then absorbed

will be enlarged during the second and third years by lectures on the same subjects, and by constant experience in the wards.

It is hoped the training authorities will take up the subject of Preliminary Schools, the importance of which cannot be over-estimated. These schools would serve their purpose as centres of training, when Reciprocal training and Affiliation of hospitals are recognised.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

**Hospital for Women, Shaw Street, Liverpool.**—Miss Eva M. Manning has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal National Hospital, Ventnor, the Samaritan Hospital for Women, Marylebone, and the Hospital for Women, Shaw Street, Liverpool. Miss Manning is at present Matron of W. & J. Jones' Convalescent Home, Wrexham.

### MATRON.

**Cassel Hospital, Swaylands, Penshurst.**—Miss Ellen Gertrude Chapman has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and was junior partner for sixteen years in Miss McCaul's nursing home in Welbeck Street, London; from 1916-1917 she acted as Matron of ex-King Manoel of Portugal's Hospital for Officers, Brighton, and from 1917-1919 was Matron of Sir J. Ellermann's Hospital, Regent's Park, W., since which date Miss Chapman has been assisting in preparing the Cassel Hospital.

**City Maternity Hospital, Wakefield.**—Miss Helena Joyce More has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, and received her Midwifery training at the Leeds Maternity Hospital, and is a certified Midwife. She has been Sister at the Leeds Maternity Hospital, and Sister-in-Charge of the Blackpool Maternity Hospital.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Stanley Hospital, Liverpool.**—Miss Jessie Russell has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, for 4 years, and has since held the following posts:—Sister at Hartshill Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent; Ophthalmic Sister at Wolverhampton and Midland Counties Eye Infirmary; Holiday Sister, General Hospital, Birmingham; Sister of Male Medical Wards, General Hospital, Nottingham. Miss Russell served in the Territorial Force Nursing Service as Sister for 4½ years. She also holds a house-keeping certificate from the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.**—Miss Margaret Marsh has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained in the same institution, and has worked in the position of Sister under the Joint War Committee for 3½ years, and later held the position of Sister at the St. Marylebone Infirmary. She has also had experience of private nursing.

### STAFF NURSE.

**City Maternity Hospital, Wakefield.**—Miss Ellen Hollingshead has been appointed Staff Nurse. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Burton-on-Trent, and received her midwifery training at the Military Families Hospital, Southsea, and is a certified Midwife. She has been on the permanent staff of the Royal Infirmary, Portsmouth, Staff Nurse at the Isolation Hospital, Hendon, Sister at the Milton Fever Hospital, Portsmouth, and Health Visitor at Middleton, Lancs.

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