

mastication, by means of which the mouth in health is kept clean.

Ulceration of the gums must be noted and reported; also the condition of the tongue—whether it is furred, and whether there are any *marked papillæ*, such as are seen in the “strawberry” tongue of scarlet fever. The nurse must also observe the mucous membrane of the cheeks, and report at once if small white spots with a greyish centre are present; these are Koplick’s spots, which help the *early* diagnosis of measles. She must note also if the fauces and uvula are clean.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

The following competitors receive honourable mention:—Mrs. G. Firth Scott, Miss Mary Ramsey, S.R.N., Miss Mabel James, and Miss Sarah Cousins.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

Describe briefly how you would prepare the following baths, namely:—Alkaline, saline, mustard, starch, sulphur.

THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION OF EXISTING NURSES.

Very contradictory statements are being circulated on the question of the day on which the term of grace for the registration of Existing Nurses terminates. According to the Nurses’ Registration Act and Statutory Rules the last date on which such applications can be legally received at 12, York Gate for consideration is the 14th of July next. Nurses who desire to register should send in their Application Forms without delay. *The General Nursing Council has no power to extend the two years within which Existing Nurses are eligible for registration.*

Intermediate Nurses who complete their three years’ term of training after 1st November, 1919, are eligible to register until the date on which the Rules for Examination come into force in 1925.

As Probationers in training have been denied *their right* under the Act to a prescribed Syllabus of training by the present General Nursing Council, their position is a very precarious one, as they are to be compelled to submit themselves to a State Examination, without any security that they will receive adequate training and teaching to prepare them for the test.

We hope all probationers in training, and certificated nurses, will unite with us to compel the General Nursing Council and the Ministry of Health to carry out the provisions of the Nurses’ Registration Act in this all-important particular.

NURSING ECHOES.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be “At Home” to the kind contributors to the lovely gift of the specially bound copy of the State Register of Nurses on Friday, July 6th, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., when she hopes many of her friends will be able to accept her invitation, to enable her to thank them in person for their appreciation of her part in helping to obtain legal status for the Profession of Nursing, and for the handsome and generous expression of friendship and goodwill towards her. Mrs. Fenwick hopes those who are able to be present will send her a card to that effect. The lovely Gift will be on view.

During their visit to Becontree, the new housing estate of the London County Council near Ilford, the King and Queen thoroughly inspected the interiors of about 20 houses. In several the Queen asked to see the bathroom, and on being shown it said how necessary she considered it for a house to have a bath.

We welcome this influential expression of opinion. As sound health depends so largely on cleanliness, to deprive people of the means of keeping themselves clean is a direct incitement to ill-health and vice.

Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles), with Viscount Lascelles, will visit the hospital of the West Ham Board of Guardians at Whipp’s Cross on July 11th and present medals and awards to the nurses.

It was stated at a recent Meeting of Q.V.J.I. that the Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston had handed £3,300 to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra for the Institute, as the result of the ball recently held at Lansdowne House. As the result of the Queen’s Fund meeting and an appeal made by Sir Harold Boulton, the chairman of the Council, over £1,900 had been raised.

The names of seventy-eight nurses have been added to the roll of Queen’s Nurses since the last meeting of the Committee, and six new districts have been affiliated. Long-service badges, denoting twenty-one years’ service, were awarded to eight Queen’s Nurses.

The *Poor Law Officers’ Journal* highly approves of the action of Medical Members of the House of Commons, supported by the Labour and Liberal Parties, in degrading the General Part of the Nurses’ Register by the admission

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