

Certificates are awarded only to those who have attained Medal standard.

Two Nurses qualified for the Gold Medal.

Four " " " Silver Medal.

Six " " " Bronze Medal.

" The Medals were awarded in order of merit :—

Helen Constance Parsons .. Gold Medal.

Margery Alice Brown .. Silver Medal.

Christine Mary Durrant .. Bronze Medal.

" These, with the remaining nine, will receive Honours Certificates.

" Two Nightingale Scholarships were awarded for a year's course of Household and Social Science at King's College for Women, University of London, Miss Ethel Bryden and Miss Dorothy Philpott being the recipients.

" The previous year's Students hold the following posts :—

Miss Ella Thomson—Sister Tutor, University College Hospital.

Miss Lucy Duff Grant—Sister Tutor, Leeds Infirmary.

Miss Mary Wynne—Sister, St. Thomas's Hospital.

" Most satisfactory Reports have been received of their work.

" In No. 2 Section of the Report will be found the resignations and appointments on the Staff during the year 1922 :—

Three Nightingale Nurses were appointed Sisters in charge of wards.

Four Nightingale Nurses were appointed Charge Nurses.

One Sister resigned her post.

Four Charge Nurses resigned their posts.

Twenty-one Nurses have taken their C.M.B.

" Certificate from the Maternity Department of the Hospital :—The Mothercraft and Children's Clinics are developing in a very satisfactory way.

" By special request we are permitting Nurses trained in other Hospitals to take the Post Graduate Course in the Women's V.D. Department.

" Letters have been received from many Nightingale Nurses at home and overseas, in every case speaking enthusiastically of their work and expressing gratitude to and affection for their Training School.

" Our grateful thanks are due to the Medical and Surgical Staff for their kindness and consideration during the illness of the Nursing Staff."

Dr. Turney, the Medical Officer of the School, reports the general health of the School as excellent.

It would be interesting, therefore, to know why 26 out of 75 Probationers admitted in 1922 resigned, or were discharged as unsuitable, in the latter year—that is, one out of every three probationers admitted. It is a very high percentage, entailing serious financial expenditure, loss of energy to teachers, and depreciation of skilled service available for patients.

COMPULSORILY TRAINED FOR STATE EXAMINATION.

The Probationers who are retained are being compulsorily trained on what ought to be the

Statutory Syllabus of Training, now merely advisory throughout our Nursing Schools, owing to the effete action of the Education Committee, of which the Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital is Chairman, and of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales—practically "by order" of Sir Wilmot Herringham, its reactionary medical Chairman.

POINTS FOR NURSES TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

**BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE G.N.C.,
JULY 20th, 1923.**

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Report of Education Committee.

It will be remembered that the First Council held innumerable meetings of the Education Committee and very carefully considered, and drafted, the Syllabus of Training for the General and Supplementary Parts of the Register, and that when about to issue them as the compulsory curriculum in preparation for a State Examination, the Council was informed by the then Minister of Health that he was legally instructed that the Council had not the power, according to the Act, to issue the Syllabus of Training excepting under a Statutory Rule signed by the Minister. Section 3 (2) (4). The Council then forwarded the draft Syllabus inviting the Minister to sign it.

Then it became known that much pressure was being brought to bear on the Minister by Poor Law Guardians and others *not* to sign the Syllabus of Training, thus leaving the managers of Nurse-Training Schools entire discretion as to what teaching probationers should receive, and knocking the bottom out of the One Portal to the State Register by not making an approved Syllabus of Training compulsory, and depriving probationers of a "prescribed" curriculum enabling them to know to what course of training and teaching they must conform. The whole obstruction of employers circulated around the "prescribed" Syllabus for the General Part of the Register. The managers of special training schools made no objection to a compulsory scheme, and we presume the Council did not realise that in denying the right of a "prescribed" scheme to probationers in general and Poor Law Hospitals, the dangerous "go-as-you-please" system would have to be retained by the managers of Mental, Fever, and Sick Children's Hospitals. Of course, this was apparent to anyone really interested in the organisation of Nursing Education, and in substituting an "advisory" for a "compulsory" curriculum the present Council has by one fell swoop rendered the Nurses' Act null and void so far as systematised professional education for Nurses is concerned. No amount of silly argument about the substitution of a Syllabus of Examination for a Syllabus of Training can alter the fact that the Chairman of the G.N.C., together with the Ministry of Health, have inflicted a very serious injury not only to

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