

Nurses uniform. One band of Braid round cuff four inches from end of sleeve. Four Registered Buttons."

III. Recommendation 18.

"That in order to facilitate registration of the uniform, the woven badge be placed on the shoulder strap of the overcoat and on the lapels of the short coat and of coat frock."

MISS VILLIERS explained that this recommendation was made because they were told at the Registration Office that the uniform was not distinctive enough.

She then moved that the Report be approved, and this was agreed.

The Council then discussed the applications for registration *in camera*.

Penny Wise and Pound Foolish Policy.

It will be remembered that when an office was required for the General Nursing Council we recommended that No. 12, Cavendish Place, Cavendish Square, should be taken. It would have met the requirements of the Council for years: This was opposed by the College Group, and by the Ministry, as too expensive, and a smaller and cheaper house had to be taken. A move will cost the Nurses a loss of hundreds, if not thousands, of pounds. The usual penny wise, pound foolish policy of self-sufficient ignorance.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee with the discussion thereon will be published next week.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Registration of Nurses in Scotland.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—There still seem to exist in the minds of Nurses considerable doubts as to the latest dates for the various classes of nurses registering in Scotland.

The position in Scotland is as follows:—

Existing Nurses (those whose training was completed before November 1st, 1919) cannot now apply, the last date for doing so having been July 29th, 1923.

Intermediate Nurses (that is, those who finish a three years' training at any period between November 1st, 1919, and September 30th, 1925) can still apply to be put on the Register without examination.

Future Nurses (those finishing training after September 30th, 1925) must pass the Council's Examinations.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

13, Melville Street,
Edinburgh,

November 17th, 1923.

W. FARMER,
Registrar.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

A large company for the most part consisting of ladies, assembled at the Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Ashley Road, Boscombe on November 8th, on the occasion of the receiving of the linen supplied by the Ladies' Linen Association during the past year. The work was on view before the presentation and it was but further evidence of the interest the women of the community take in the hospitals.

Lady Malmesbury (President of the Association) presided, and was supported by Col. A. Heygate Vernon (Chairman of the Board), the Rev. A. P. Annand (Rural Dean), Mr. Percy M. Bright, J.P. (vice-chairman), Mr. Chas. Hodges, J.P., Miss Childs (Matron), and Mr. Gordon M. Saul (Secretary).

Lady Malmesbury, in handing over the linen to the hospital, reported that the subscriptions and donations were encouraging. The number of articles given was 2,522, as compared with 2,360 for last year. The value of the articles was £418 3s. 1d., as compared with £417 15s. 3d. last year. The subscriptions and donations amounted to £243 17s. 9d., as against £229 8s. 3d. last year. There was also a balance in the bank from last year of £91 15s.

Col. Heygate Vernon expressed thanks to the Association, and in referring to the hospital, said it was getting too small for the town and the work it had to do, so the Governors have decided that it was necessary to increase the number of beds. While they had been in debt it was impossible to think of increasing the hospital. Since they had been clear they had begun to think of what they could do and a small committee had been appointed for that purpose. The most pressing thing they needed was more beds. It was intended to extend the Lady Wills ward and put a ward over the top which would practically add equal to eighty new beds. The men who were housed in the hut would be moved into the new ward and they would have a nett increase of 50 beds. Some of the nurses were housed in Shelley Road and they proposed to add a wing to the Child Clark Hostel.

The architect estimated the cost of the whole of the proposals at £50,000, but extension was absolutely necessary. They had had some liberal bequests, and he hoped they would get the whole amount.

Over £10,000 has been raised for the Seamen's Hospital by means of entertainments at the East Ham Palace of Varieties.

COMING EVENTS.

November 24th.—West Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League. Winter Reunion. Tea 3-5 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.

November 26th.—Royal Sanitary Institute. Address on "Sanitary Relief Work in Russia," by Miss Muriel A. Payne. Dr. Louis C. Parkes in the chair. 90, Buckingham Palace Road. 5 p.m.

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