

that the General Nursing Council be asked to appoint a Mental Hospital Matron holding the double qualification to act as an Examiner, at all Examination centres for mental nurses, was identical with that which had already been adopted by the Council. (This is not quite the case. The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association asked that Mental Hospital Matrons holding the double qualification should be appointed to act as examiners at all examination centres for Mental Nurses. The G.N.C. at its meeting on October 19th, on the recommendation of DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, decided *not* to require the double qualification, but "That the Practical Examinations (in Mental Nursing) be conducted by a Registered Nurse having special qualifications in Mental Nursing." These qualifications are an unknown quantity, and we have already expressed the view that candidates for the Examination in Mental Nursing have a right to be examined by an Examiner whose name is on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses.—Ed.)

Recommendation 8.

"That the Scheme for conducting the State Examinations be approved, and that the following documents be printed and issued:—

- (a) 1. Scheme for conducting Examinations.
2. Conditions of appointment of and General Instructions to Examiners. (Examiners I.)
3. Rules for Payment of Examiners.
4. Examiner's Application Form.
- (b) That a copy of the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination be sent out, without charge, with each Examiner's Application Form.

The most important items in the Scheme for conducting the State Examinations were as follows:—

THE EXAMINATION AREAS AND CENTRES.

Fourteen Examination Centres will be established respectively at London, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Carlisle, Exeter, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Sheffield.

Each of these Centres will serve a defined examination area, and to the fourteen areas thus constituted the recognised Training Schools in England and Wales will be appropriately allocated.

These fourteen areas will be arranged in the following groups:—

Southern Group.
London Area.
Portsmouth Area.
Norwich Area.
Birmingham Area.

Western Group.
Cardiff Area.
Bristol Area.
Exeter Area.

Midland Group.
Liverpool Area.
Manchester Area.
Sheffield Area.
Nottingham Area.

Northern Group.
Carlisle Area.
Newcastle Area.
Leeds Area.

The written and practical examinations will, should a sufficient demand be shown, be held at these Centres, but where the entries from a Centre are not large enough to justify the Council in

holding the Examination at that Centre, these candidates will be examined at one of the other Centres in the Group.

The written examination in any part of the Register may also be held at any other place where it is convenient for not less than twenty-five candidates to be examined, or, where owing to the long distance from a Centre special arrangements are desirable for the convenience of candidates, provided that arrangements may be made for the conduct of the Examination to the satisfaction of the Council.

1.—The Preliminary Examination.

1. The Preliminary Examination will be the same for all parts of the Register. It will consist of (a) a written part and (b) an oral and practical part. In the written part two papers will be set as follows:—

Paper 1, for which one and a half hours will be allowed, will contain three questions in Anatomy and three questions in Physiology. The candidate will be required to answer *only* three questions, but one of the three questions selected by the candidate must be on Anatomy and one on Physiology.

Paper 2, for which one and a half hours will be allowed, will be issued immediately after the collection of Paper 1. This paper will contain three questions on Hygiene and three questions on Nursing. The candidate will be required to answer *only* three questions, but one of the three questions selected by the candidate must be on Hygiene and one on Nursing.

2. The oral and practical part will consist of an oral examination of twenty minutes in Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene, and an examination, both oral and practical, in Nursing, lasting half an hour.

3. The written answers on Anatomy and Physiology will be marked by Medical Examiners; the written answers on Hygiene and Nursing, and the whole of the oral and practical examination, will be marked by Nurse Examiners.

4. In order to preserve the practical character of the Examination full marks for the oral and practical part will be twice as large as full marks for the written part of the Examination.

2.—The Final Examination.

The Final Examination will differ for each part of the Register. In each case full marks for the oral and practical part will be equal to full marks for the written part of the Examination.

(a) FOR GENERAL NURSES ("REGISTERED NURSES").

The written part will consist of two papers. The morning paper, for which one and a half hours will be allowed, will contain: Two questions on Medicine, of which *only* one must be answered; two questions on Surgery, of which *only* one must be answered; and two questions on Gynæcology, of which *only* one must be answered. The afternoon paper, for which two and a half hours will

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