

steps to send nurses, trained in the Institution with which he was connected, in for the State Examination, and those prepared by another of the proposed Examiners had done very badly in the examinations.

Miss BUSHBY seconded the motion.

Mr. DONALDSON agreed with what Miss Wiese had said, but said they were in a difficulty.

Miss MUSSON said she would put the amendment, but as these were the only names they had received of examiners willing to act, it was important that they should get to work in the autumn.

Eventually, after further discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and the recommendation carried.

Miss COX DAVIES was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Mental Nursing Committee caused by the appointment of Sir Wilmot Herringham as Vice-Chairman of the Council with an *ex-officio* seat on all Committees.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes' Committee reported that the Correspondence dealt with in the office between June 1st and June 28th amounted to 2,152 letters received, and 2,358 letters despatched.

That the interviews numbered 87, and that 106 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

Destruction of Papers.

The Committee further reported that authority had been given for the destruction of (1) Obsolete Forms, Syllabuses, etc., (2) Candidates' Examination Answer Books, three years after the date of the Final Examination, (3) Papers of those Registered Nurses of whose death intimation has been received five years after the intimation of their death.

The Permanent Staff.

The question of the number of the permanent Staff required, the designation of each, and the salaries to be paid, were taken *in camera*, the recommendations of the Committee being: (1) "That the permanent Staff and Salary Sheet (appended) be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval," and (2) "That in the event of the approval of suggested scale by the Minister of Health, the recommendation for adjustment of salaries now submitted be approved."

Uniform and Badge.

In regard to the Uniform which may be worn by Registered Nurses, the Council on the recommendation of the Uniform Committee propose to sanction the addition of a Washing Overall (blue or white) trimmed with Registered Braid on Collar, Revers and Sleeves—a Square Cap of cambric or organdie muslin with the Badge of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales embroidered in blue in the corner.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE PRINCE AND THE NURSES.

The Prince of Wales has given great pleasure to the Nurses in several of our hospitals recently by coming personally into touch with them when he visited the institutions in the course of official ceremonies. Thus, at the West Herts. Hospital, Hemel Hempstead, which is just now celebrating its Centenary, His Royal Highness on July 20th, laid the foundation stone of a new Maternity Ward, and afterwards presented Medals to members of the Nursing Staff.

It was a gala day, long to be remembered at the Hospital, and everywhere a profusion of flowers testified to the joy of all connected with the institution that it should be so honoured. His Royal Highness was received by the President of the Hospital, Sir Frederick Halsey, where nurses formed a Guard of Honour on the main steps, and, after presentations had been made, including the Senior

Medical Officer, Dr. E. W. Gilroy, the Matron, Miss E. Semp-hill, and the Clerk to the Hospital, Mr. R. L. Butterfield, passed on to the grounds and laid the foundation stone of the new Maternity Ward. The Prince also announced that he held in his hand a cheque for £11,500, representing donations made to the West Herts. Hospital Centenary Fund, of which £270 has been subscribed by the Nursing Staff, and present and former patients.



THE PRINCE OF WALES PRESENTING THE GOLD MEDAL TO NURSE HILDA GRAVES AT THE WEST HERTS HOSPITAL, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.

The Prince then presented medals to the three nurses who had won them, and our illustration shows him presenting the Gold Medal to Nurse Hilda Graves. The Silver Medal was gained by Nurse Annie Roberts, and the Bronze one by Nurse Mary Hobbs, all of whom were naturally delighted to receive them from the hands of the Prince.

On Wednesday, July 21st, the Prince, who is Patron of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor, fulfilled a long-standing promise to open the new Nurses' Home of that institution, after visiting the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital. Members of the Nursing Staff and invited guests were assembled in the main entrance drive, and gave His Royal Highness a loyal welcome. Amongst the many presentations made by Major-General J. E. B. Seely, Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, were those of the Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. P. B. Burgoyne, Members of the Board, and of the Hon. Medical Staff, the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Richard C. Hutchinson, the Matron, Miss C. MacLaren, S.R.N., and the Secretary, Mr. Charles W. Cox.

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