

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, occupied the Chair at the Meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on March 23rd, and 14 Members of Council were present.

Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of the Education and Examination Committee, submitted the Report of that Committee. This was approved.

On the recommendation of that Committee the Council agreed to conclude agreements for reciprocal re-registration of Nurses with the Nurses' Registration Board of South Australia and Queensland. It was resolved to obtain particulars in regard to the conditions of Registration in Natal, South Africa, with a view to adjusting a possible scheme of reciprocity with the Nurses' Registration Board of that Colony.

Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen, was accepted as a Complete Training School for General Nurses.

The Registrar submitted his Reports on the February Examinations, and these were approved. The Council resolved that the names of the Nurses who had passed the Final Examination and had attained the age of 21 should be admitted to the respective parts of the Register to which they were entitled.

As various Examiners appointed to conduct the May Examinations had intimated that they were unable to act, the following were appointed:—

Preliminary Examination.—Dr. D. K. Henderson, Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow.

Final Examination.—Mr. Francis R. Brown, F.R.C.S., Dundee; Mr. Wm. D. McFarlane, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., and Miss Ingram, Glasgow.

The State Examinations.

The Registrar reported that the written part of the Examinations was held in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen, and Inverness. The following tables show the details of the results:—

Results.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

	Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.		Elementary Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part I.	
	Hygiene.	200	176	
Total entered ..	209	200	176	
Failed in Written Part	32	49	21	
Failed in Oral and Practical Part ..	24	16	5	
Total passed ..	153	135	150	

FINAL EXAMINATION.

Candidates Taking All Subjects.

CANDIDATES ENTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Class of Training School.	Entered for all Subjects.	Passed in all Subjects.	Passed in First Paper only.	Passed in Second Paper only.	Failed in all Subjects.
General	148	125	2	18	3
Fever ..	53	49	1	2	1
Sick Children	8	8	—	—	—
Total	209	182	3	20	4

CANDIDATES WHO HAD FAILED PREVIOUSLY.

General	3	1	—	1	1
Total	3	1	—	1	1

CANDIDATES RE-ENTERING.

Class of Training School.	FIRST PAPER ONLY.		SECOND PAPER ONLY.	
	Entered.	Passed.	Entered.	Passed.
General ..	18	11	4	4
Fever ..	3	3	4	3
Sick Children	—	—	1	1
Total ..	21	14	9	8

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

On June 12th the Duke of York will preside at a dinner at the Mansion House in aid of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E.

At the Annual General Meeting of University College Hospital, Prince George was unanimously elected President of the Hospital, on the retirement of the Duke of Bedford.

Amongst the many engagements of the Lord Mayor of London are the following of interest to the Hospital World. On March 29th he presided at a dinner at the Mansion House in aid of the Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham; on Wednesday, May 2nd, he will take the chair at a dinner in aid of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, Victoria Park.

The exhibition of Early English Needlework and Furniture at 25, Park Lane, in aid of the Royal Northern Hospital, closed on Monday, March 19th. A gross amount of £2,607 was realised.

The Senate of London University has appointed a Committee, upon the proposal of Mr. Walter G. Spencer, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., a member of the Senate, to consider the limitations placed on the medical education of women undergraduates, which is constituted as follows:—

Sir William Beveridge, Vice-Chancellor; Professor Loney, Chairman of Convocation; Dr. Filon, Chairman of the Academic Council; Dr. Graham Little, M.P., Chairman of the External Council; Sir Holburt Waring, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Mr. Walter Spencer (mover of the resolution for an inquiry); Dr. W. R. Matthews; Dr. Halliday, Principal of King's College; Sir Andrew Taylor; Miss Ethel Strudwick, Principal of St. Paul's Girls' School; and Miss Margaret Tuke, Principal of the Bedford College for Women, London.

As our readers are aware, several of the London teaching hospitals, including St. George's, Charing Cross, King's College, the London and Westminster Hospitals have decided to terminate the temporary arrangement for the admission of women medical students to their schools, and a brisk correspondence in *The Times* has set forth, in detail, the arguments for and against the co-education of men and women medical students, including letters from such high authorities as Mr. Walter G. Spencer, a former senior surgeon to Westminster Hospital, one of its Vice-Presidents, and a member of the Senate of London University, who strongly supports the system, and Sir J. Purves Stewart, K.C.M.G., F.R.C.P., Senior Physician to the Hospital, who vigorously protests against it.

Though entirely in favour of equality and justice between the sexes, and fully realising that every sick body is sacred and should have no sex significance, there are other points meriting consideration.

Nurses who have had experience in working with both medical men and women are conscious that the former are much more courteous and sympathetic in their relations with the nursing staff than the latter. There are exceptions, but we are speaking as a whole. One reason for this may be that medical women are apt to consider themselves trained nurses plus medical practitioners, and in many instances do not realise to what the skilled profession of nursing has attained.

But, when all is said, there are a certain number of girls who have a genius for medicine, and find their vocation in its practice, and it is only just that there should be equality of opportunity between the sexes.

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