

## FINAL EXAMINATION—GENERAL AND SICK CHILDREN.

## Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part II.

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## Fever—Second Paper.

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The report of the Uniform Committee was submitted by Miss White, the Convener of the Committee, and was unanimously approved. In accordance with the Report, it was resolved to adopt the same alterations on the uniform as those recently made by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

At a Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on July 3rd, the Chair, in the absence of the Chairman of the Council, was taken by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Vice-Chairman.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Education and Examination Committee whose Report was submitted and approved, the Council approved the arrangements for the October Examination.

Amongst the correspondence dealt with was a letter from the Secretary, Fermanagh County Hospital, Enniskillen, Ireland, enquiring whether Nurses who had completed two years of an affiliated training in Northern Ireland might thereafter complete their training in any recognised Hospital in Scotland which was willing to accept them. The Council resolved to reply that completion of an affiliated training in any but one of the affiliated Hospitals could not be recognised.

The Registrar submitted his Reports on the May Examinations. These were approved and the names of the Nurses who had passed the Final Examination and attained the age of 21 were ordered to be placed on the Register.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

Two women when first brought up at the Marylebone Police Court on a charge of shoplifting at Selfridges, Oxford Street, W., gave the names of Margaret Sloan and Jean Hamilton, but when brought up on remand Detective Deighton stated that those names were incorrect. The women had been identified from finger prints as Margaret Glenny and Frances Grahame. Glenny, or Sloan, first came under the notice of the police in 1908, when she was bound over for stealing whisky. Since then she had been convicted at Margate, Liverpool, Bournemouth, and London of false pretences and theft. She was a very troublesome thief. At one time a nurse, she was able to obtain access to doctors' houses, and she took the opportunity to steal whatever she could. Grahame, or Hamilton, had been bound over for stealing. The Magistrate (Mr. Bingley) said that Glenny, or Sloan, was a dangerous woman, and she must go to prison for six months, with hard labour. Grahame, or Hamilton, he sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

The thefts from West End drapery stores have assumed alarming proportions, and at the Marlborough Street Police Court recently, the Magistrate (Mr. Mead) elicited that Messrs. Bourne and Hollingsworth alone lose £10,000 a year through shoplifting. He truly said that as that was only one company of many the pillage must be something colossal.

## A RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE FOR NURSES AT THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

Surely nurses had they been asked to mention all that they could wish for in a Home during their training could not have planned one more perfect than that opened by H.R.H. Princess Alice Countess of Athlone, on June 29th, of which the foundation stone was laid in January, 1929, by Her Majesty the Queen, and which is the gift of an anonymous donor at a cost of £300,000.

Her Royal Highness was received by H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G., Chairman of the Hospital and members of the Board of Management, and after presentations, including the Secretary Superintendent, Mr. S. R. C. Plimsol, and the Lady Superintendent, Miss Dorothy Smith, had been made, the Royal Party passed on to the dining room where the Opening Ceremony took place.

## ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN, PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT, K.G.

In his opening speech the Chairman said what a pleasure it was to welcome Her Royal Highness and Lord Athlone, his predecessor in the office of Chairman. He continued:

"It is particularly appropriate that the Princess Alice should open the Home in view of the work she did for the Middlesex Hospital when Lord Athlone was Chairman. It was due to her Royal Highness's personal interest in an appeal that, immediately after the war, when the Hospital was in great difficulties with regard to the housing of the Nursing Staff, a temporary accommodation in Gower Street was provided. It was always recognised that if the Nursing Staff was to reach the highest possible efficiency, nurses should all be gathered together in one Home, and this has at last come about.

"The new Nurses' Home has been built off the hospital site to provide them an escape from the hospital atmosphere and yet be within convenient distance. It is a Residential College for Nurses, complete in its facilities for instruction as it is lavish in provision for recreation.

"This unique gift brings all sides of the nurse's life and training up to University standard. It has its preliminary training school, its class-rooms, recreation and smoking-rooms, badminton and tennis-courts, and a swimming-bath."

Princess Alice responded in a felicitous speech, which charmed those present by its beauty of diction, its well-chosen words, and the ease with which she spoke them. She said what a pleasure it gave her to perform the ceremony, especially as she had had a small share some years ago in securing the temporary accommodation for the nurses in Gower Street, and concluded with the words—

"I HAVE VERY MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING THIS HOME OPEN."

Lord Athlone said that when Prince Arthur of Connaught stepped in and took over the chairmanship of the Middlesex Hospital, on his own appointment as Governor-General in South Africa, the Nurses' Home was a rabbit warren. It was a proud day for him to come back to find this model type of home not to be seen in other hospitals.

The Nurses' Home, or as the Chairman more properly calls it, a Residential College, has accommodation for some 230 Sisters and Nurses. With the pupils of the Preliminary Training School, Massage and Midwifery pupils and the domestic staff, it houses 300 persons.

The Preliminary Training School is at present arranged in the basement, and quite adequately equipped, but, when funds permit, it is hoped to have a school specially built for the purpose. In the basement also is a swimming bath, which leaves one breathless with its size, beauty and coolness on a hot summer's day. Walls and bath alike are lined with blue tiles and the water looks most

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