

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The results of the State Examinations are as under:—

Preliminary State Examination, February, 1932.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
Complete Examination..	2,283	127	2,156	1,265	891	41.3%
Re-entries for Part Examination ..	368	17	351	206	145	41.3%

Final State Examination, February, 1932.

Supplementary parts of the Register.

	General Register.	Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Sick Children's Nurses.	Fever Nurses.
Entered—					
Whole Examination	1,367	4	27	65	221
Part Examination	1,712	4	43	80	258
Absent—					
Whole Examination	51	—	6	1	9
Part Examination	63	—	11	2	10
Present—					
Whole Examination	1,316	4	21	64	212
Part Examination	1,644	4	32	78	248
Passed—					
Whole Examination	913	4	16	40	148
Part Examination	1,082	4	23	51	159
Failed—					
Whole Examination	403	—	5	24	64
Part Examination	562	—	9	27	89
Percentage of Failures—					
Whole Examination	30.6%	—	23.8%	37.5%	30.2%
Part Examination	48.5%	—	36.3%	21.4%	69.4%

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair and 12 Members of the Council were present at the meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland held on February 26th at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, the Convener of that Committee, and was unanimously approved. In terms of the recommendations of the Committee it was resolved that no alteration should be made on the present scale of payments to Examiners. The question of return of fees to Candidates who entered for the Examination and thereafter withdrew their names was again considered and it was resolved to adhere to the previous regulation, namely, that in such cases fees should only be returned to Candidates whose absence was due to illness or other necessary cause.

It was reported that subject to a verbal amendment the Department of Health for Scotland approved of the Council's new Rule in regard to the Registration after Examination of male nurses.

The remaining business was formal.

THE STATE REGISTER FOR 1932.

We have received, with appreciation, from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the Register of Nurses for 1932, in two volumes. With special appreciation, because for the first time it has made its appearance in March, approximating to the Rule, that it shall be published as soon as possible after January 1st of each year. Volume I contains the List of the Council, the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, the Rules framed by the Council, and other relevant matter, and the names, permanent addresses, date and place of Registration, and qualifications. It is a bulky volume of 2,062 pages, of closely, though clearly, printed matter. The number of nurses registered on the General Part of the Register during 1931 was 4,057,

by Examination, and 59 by Reciprocity, and on the Supplementary Parts, 88 by Examination and 21 by Reciprocity.

The total number of names on the General Part of the Register for 1932 is 52,325, and on the Supplementary Parts 11,243, the total in both volumes being 63,568. It is a tome with which to confute those who not so long ago were saying that there was "no demand for Registration."

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Princess Royal will open the new Pavilion at the Country Branch (Tadworth Court, Surrey) of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, on the afternoon of Monday, May 30th.

Prince George has been re-elected President of University College Hospital at the recent annual meeting.

Sir Herbert Samuelson, treasurer and chairman, said that their ante-natal service was looked on as the most effective fighting unit in the campaign to reduce the persistently high maternal mortality. During the year 90 per cent. of the mothers received an anaesthetic during labour and were relieved of much unnecessary suffering without any ill-effect on the health of mothers or children. Excellent work had been done in all departments throughout the year. Deep therapy was rapidly being developed as an adjunct to radium treatment and as a preliminary or alternative to operative procedure, and to meet this development a second apparatus of the newest type had been installed at a cost of £2,000, which expenditure had been covered by a collection which the students made in 1930 for this special purpose.

The report of the committee of inquiry into the nursing service was being considered, and it was stated that University College Hospital was not suffering from an alleged shortage of nurses, while the staff appeared to be perfectly happy and contented with their conditions of service. A shelter had been provided on the roof of the Nurses' Home to accommodate nurses wishing to sleep out in the summer or rest there in their leisure hours. The cost per occupied bed was now £179 a year, and the cost for out-patients had been rather higher than during the preceding year.

Lord Queenborough has accepted the office of treasurer of the Ross Institute, vacant by the death last year of Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck.

Presiding at the annual meeting of St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, the Lord Mayor said that the hospital during 1931 had had the busiest year in its long history. The number of patients admitted to the wards (885), the number of operations performed (940), and the attendances of out-patients (10,404), were all higher than they had ever been before, showing that the work of the hospital, which was on cancer and other diseases of the rectum, was being more and more widely appreciated. Unfortunately, in financial provision this noble charity, in common with other voluntary institutions, had suffered from the stringency of these difficult and critical times.

Dr. Alfred Cox, the medical secretary of the British Medical Association, is to retire this year, after having held his office for twenty years. To mark their appreciation of his services, the members have raised a testimonial fund, out of which the Association has been provided with an oil painting of Dr. Cox, by Sir Arthur Cope, R.A. Dr. Cox will receive a book containing the names of the subscribers and a cheque. The portrait is now at the Royal Academy.

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