

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair and ten Members of the Council were present on May 20th.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of the Committee, and in accordance with the recommendations of that Committee it was agreed to grant recognition as a Training School for the General Part of the Register to the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow, in affiliation with the Royal Infirmary, Montrose. It was further agreed to recognise Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert, as a complete Training School for the Mental Nurses' Part of the Register. The application of Kirkcaldy Hospital for approval as a complete Training School was not granted, but recognition was continued to that Hospital as an affiliated Training School in conjunction with the City Hospital, Edinburgh.

Examiners were appointed to conduct the Council's Final Examination in Mental Nursing on May 7th, 1932.

### SUPERVISORS AT THE WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

The Council again considered the estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the current year along with a Memorandum by the Registrar, and resolved that, subject to the approval of the Department of Health for Scotland, the fee for the Final Examination be reduced from £3 3s. to £2 12s. 6d., and the fee for re-sitting separate subjects of that Examination be reduced to 10s. 6d. per subject.

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

### CANCER HOSPITAL.

By the courtesy of the Matron (Miss E. A. Harrison) and Mr. Jocelyn Swan, F.R.C.S., we recently had the privilege of going over the Cancer Hospital. Viewing it merely from the street one can have very little idea of the immensity of the work for which the institution now makes itself responsible. To explore even a part of it is an education in itself on the efforts which are being made, in one centre alone, to combat the spread of a disease which claims its victims in thousands year by year and defies the efforts of man through decade after decade to solve the mystery of its nature and cure. Indeed, as we walked round with Miss Harrison, it became evident that the actual wards are but a section of the institution, for we saw department after department where research and curative treatment are carried on, while the system of statistics in some of them would have delighted the heart of a Florence Nightingale.

The wards of the hospital are very bright and, indeed, one thing that impressed us greatly was the extent to which both in the old and the new parts of the hospital there is a most generous measure of window space; the colouring everywhere is carefully chosen with a view to reflecting the light. Blue is a predominating colour in many of the ward accessories, while in the nurses' rooms the yellow walls gave a feeling of sunshine and toned well with the brown-stained furniture; each room has its own supply of hot and cold water. The private rooms in the new section of the hospital are charming with their cream walls and beds to match, and into whichever you enter you seem to have a view of the garden or some of the fine architecture of the Brompton Hospital or the roofs of Kensington and its neighbourhood with cupolas and many a spire.

The theatres are very spacious and complete with their adjoining departments, their great window space, Scialy-thique light and well-planned galleries for students. We were given a demonstration of the electric-cutting machine, by means of which breast amputations are performed

and tumours excised; also we were shown how, by means of this, vessels are cauterized instead of being ligatured before forceps are removed. In the X-ray photograph room were evidences of many interesting processes connected with the development of this particular work, including a drying cupboard for the films.

One X-ray set in the hospital is the biggest ever built, and is capable of a voltage of half a million. Here we had a most interesting little lecture by the way from Mr. Mayneard, on the possibilities of yet being able to attain to all the qualities of radium through such a set as this, without the enormous cost which the latter involves; indeed, when we were shown the system under which the hospital has organised the custody of its stock of radium, we came away with a much enhanced idea of its value.

The Sister Tutor's department interested us very much with all its carefully stocked cupboards of teaching apparatus. The hospital is affiliated to Guy's as a training school. The probationers do two years there and two at the Cancer Hospital. The first year is spent at the latter and if, at the close of it, the probationer is successful in passing the preliminary State Examination, then she passes on to her two years at Guy's Hospital. Should she fail to pass the preliminary examination at the end of the first year, then her second year of training is spent at the same hospital and the two last at Guy's.

The nurses' home is exceedingly pleasant. We noted that, in addition to the nurses' ordinary sitting room, there is one for the Sisters. Each has her ordinary ward sitting-room, but it must be nice to have another where they can meet together and leave their friends when they wish to, without what might be taken as a breach of hospitality if they did so in their own rooms; it must be restful too to escape from the neighbourhood of the wards to this bright room or to the fine tennis court. In the home are all the conveniences we are now familiar with in an ordinary Nurses' Home, and the large hot table in the dining-room must be an enormous asset. The chapel of the hospital is very beautiful indeed; a second and older one in the grounds serves a useful purpose as a sort of outer mortuary in which the bodies are placed when the friends come to view those for the last time.

The new portion of the hospital which contains the private wards has not yet been opened, but the large new research and other departments are in full activity and are obviously making history in so far as the evolution of medical knowledge in dealing with cancer is concerned.

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The Prince of Wales has again kindly lent the gardens of Marlborough House on Wednesday, June 29th, for a children's garden party in aid of the Reconstruction Fund of the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street.

The Duke of York will preside at the one hundred and eleventh Annual Court of the Seamen's Hospital Society, which will be held at the "Dreadnought" Hospital on Wednesday, June 8th, at 3 p.m.

His Royal Highness will declare open the new Surgical Wing of the "Dreadnought" Hospital, and the Out-Patient Department. Until 1870, the hospital was housed in the "Old Dreadnought" man-o'-war which was moored off Greenwich, which had done duty from 1821. The present building and the new wing, named after the old ship, is but one of the seven establishments of the Seamen's Hospital Society, which now cares for over 33,000 sick and injured seamen every year.

The oldest marine charity of its kind in the world, founded by generous City merchants, it is still maintained entirely by voluntary contributions; caring for seamen of all nationalities and creeds, it appeals to the sympathy and consideration, not only of all Englishmen and the Empire, but of the entire civilised world.

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