

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The results of the recent State Examinations are as under:—

Preliminary State Examination, October, 1937.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
First entries	2,838	150	2,688	1,936	752	27.97%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	508	36	472	249	223	47.2%
" Part Exam.	275	13	262	149	113	43.1%
" Total	3,621	199	3,422	2,334	1,088	

Final State Examination, October, 1937.

Register	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
General—						
First entries	2,048	49	1,999	1,528	471	23.6%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	267	10	257	168	89	34.6%
" Part	491	18	473	308	165	34.9%
" Total	2,806	77	2,729	2,004	725	
Male—						
First entries	12	1	11	9	2	18.2%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	3	—	3	1	2	66.7%
" Part	6	—	6	2	4	66.7%
" Total	21	1	20	12	8	
Mental—						
First entries	70	2	68	59	9	13.2%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	9	1	8	2	6	75%
" Part	13	1	12	7	5	41.7%
" Total	92	4	88	68	20	
Mental Defect—						
First entries	11	—	11	9	2	18.2%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Part	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Total	11	—	11	9	2	
Sick Children—						
First entries	117	5	112	94	18	16.1%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	1	—	1	—	1	100%
" Part	15	—	15	11	4	26.7%
" Total	133	5	128	105	23	
Fever—						
First entries	293	5	288	239	49	17%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	53	2	51	42	9	17.6%
" Part	45	1	44	30	14	31.8%
" Total	391	8	383	311	72	

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

ELECTION 1937.

As we go to press we have received from the Registrar the following alphabetical list of successful candidates:—

General Register:

Miss Gladys Margaret Bowes.
Miss Annie Burgess.
Miss Rachael Annie Cox-Davies.
Miss Helen Dey.
Miss Lucy Gwendoline Duff Grant.
Miss Mary Jones.
Miss Emily Elvira Primrose MacManus.
Miss Mary Elizabeth Gordon Milne.
Miss Ellen Mary Musson.
Miss Evelyn Clare Pearce.
Miss Dorothy Madge Smith.

Supplementary Parts of the Register for:

Male Nurses: Mr. Robert John Ousby.
Mental Nurses: Miss Kathleen Mary Willis.
Mr. John Henry Buckley.
Sick Children's Nurses: Miss Dorothy Annie Lane.
Fever Nurses: Miss Florence Maude Campbell—Unopposed.

THE 1930 FUND.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRAINED DISTRICT NURSES.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1937.

The number of applications to the Fund shows no sign of diminishing, nor would it appear that there is in the majority of cases any less urgency in the need leading to these. Recent increases in the retiring allowances given by some Nursing Associations are making a certain difference and the more general adoption of definite pension schemes will eventually make more but the older nurse is still very inadequately provided for when she has to give up work. The Committee have also had a distressing number of applications from younger nurses who have broken down and are in some cases permanently disabled.

During the past year, in addition to the cases with which the Committee are continuously concerned, twenty-eight new enquiries have been dealt with and about sixty re-applications received. Over one hundred and twenty special grants have been given either to nurses applying for the first time, or to meet some new need of those already known to the Committee.

As the beneficiaries become better known to the Committee it is increasingly possible to help with personal interest and advice and there has been a steady development in this side of the work. From the outset the Committee of the Fund, knowing that in so doing they interpreted the wishes of the generous anonymous donor, have avoided giving publicity to details of assistance given or to special instances of individuals so assisted. This fact may deprive their reports of some obvious human interest, but there is no doubt that it has added greatly to the confidence and gratitude of those whom the Fund is specially designed to help. To this the Committee constantly receive appreciative references.

The accounts, which have been audited by the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Gundry Cole & Co., Chartered Accountants, show that during the year ending 30th June, 1937, the Committee have disbursed the sum of £7,927 5s. 8d., £7,171 6s. 6d. of this in the form of regular weekly grants, and £755 19s. 2d. as special grants. The total administrative expenses have been £604 16s. 7d.

THE UNITED NURSING SERVICES' CLUB.

The sixteenth ordinary General Meeting of the United Nursing Services Club, presided over by Miss M. E. Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C., was held on November 22nd at 34, Cavendish Square, London, W. She informed the members that during the year Her Majesty, Queen Mary, had become Patron of the Club, and the Dowager Countess of Airlie its new President. It was a great pleasure to welcome Lady Airlie to the Club as she had always taken the greatest interest in nursing.

The Chairman announced that the shareholders had just held their meeting and the directors had passed the balance sheet. The payment of a 5 per cent. dividend free of Income Tax would give an idea of the financial position of the club.

Miss Darbyshire spoke of the new premises and said that everything was now finished except the payment of a few bills. She hoped that full advantage would be taken of the new dining room which could be shut off and used for private parties.

She spoke of the wonderful way in which the rooms were arranged by Miss M. F. Steele, they were so beautifully furnished and homelike. She proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Medforth, to Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith, whose heart and soul were in the Club, and to Lady Airlie for so kindly attending the meeting.

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