

## THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

### THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

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

#### Preliminary State Examination, February, 1938.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
First entries	2,061	166	1,895	1,271	624	32.9%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	471	33	438	225	213	48.6%
"    Part    "	314	17	297	144	153	51.5%
"    Total    "	2,846	216	2,630	1,640	990	

#### Final State Examination, February, 1938.

Register	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
<b>General—</b>						
First entries	1,405	51	1,354	1,024	330	24.4%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	228	12	216	129	87	40.3%
"    Part    "	433	17	416	277	139	33.4%
"    Total    "	2,066	80	1,986	1,430	556	
<b>Male—</b>						
First entries	6	1	5	2	3	60%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
"    Part    "	5	—	5	3	2	40%
"    Total    "	11	1	10	5	5	
<b>Mental—</b>						
First entries	35	8	27	22	5	18.5%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	8	1	7	1	6	85.7%
"    Part    "	11	4	7	—	7	100%
"    Total    "	54	13	41	23	18	
<b>Mental Defect—</b>						
First entries	5	—	5	5	—	—
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	1	—	1	—	1	100%
"    Part    "	7	—	7	1	—	—
"    Total    "	1	—	7	6	1	—
<b>Sick Children—</b>						
First entries	89	1	88	82	6	6.8%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	3	2	1	—	1	100%
"    Part    "	15	—	15	7	8	53.3%
"    Total    "	107	3	104	89	15	
<b>Fever—</b>						
First entries	266	14	252	219	33	13.1%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	28	2	26	18	8	30.8%
"    Part    "	46	3	43	28	15	34.9%
"    Total    "	340	19	321	265	56	

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on April 22nd, 1938. Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, the Vice-Chairman, presided. Apologies for absence were intimated from Sir John Lorne MacLeod and Miss Niccol.

#### Education and Examination Committee.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, Supervisors were appointed to conduct the Preliminary and Final Examinations in Inverness in May.

#### Registration.

Applications for registration were: By Examination 7; by reciprocity with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales 2; applications for re-inclusion of seven nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee. All these were approved.

#### Arrangements for May, 1938, Examinations.

Various arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Examinations were approved.

#### Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Friday, May 20th.

The Register for 1938 is now in print. Copies may be had on application to the Registrar, 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, price 5s., plus postage 6d. (after May 28th on application to the Registrar, 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh).

## THE REGISTER OF NURSES MAINTAINED BY THE GEN. NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

We have received from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland a copy of the first printed Register of Nurses maintained by the General Nursing Council for Scotland in Pursuance of the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919. Hitherto the Register has appeared in typed form.

The Register is handsomely bound in blue cloth inscribed in gilt, and the make-up differs little from that issued by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. The paper and printing are excellent.

We are specially pleased to welcome this useful Register of Nurses and to find that the principle for which we made a strenuous claim in the make-up of the first English Register in 1923 has been adopted—namely, the insertion of the qualifications of Nurses on the Register, so that the name of the Institution at which they were trained and standard of training can be seen at a glance—privileges of which it was proposed by the matrons and their lay supporters on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the existing nurses should be deprived. The battle royal which ensued on this attempted injustice was won by the six independent nurse representatives on the Council, and for which victory of right over might we were severely penalised and deprived of the office of Chair of the Registration Committee!

The Scottish Register as designed is indeed a model of inclusive information, as in its five columns the Registered No., Name, Address and Date of Registration and Qualifications are all inserted. A useful little addition is given, the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, prefixing the Registered No. in column one, denoting the six sections of nurses registered.

Under explanations, M.P.A. denotes the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, which in our opinion should have ceased to function after the Nurses' Registration Act came into effect; S.B. of H., Scottish Board of Health; E.N., Existing Nurse; N.T., Nurse in Training before issue of Rules; and A.E., After Examination (Nurse who has passed the Council's examinations).

It will be seen, therefore, that justice has been done, in the compilation of the Scottish Register, to the various trainees, no easy task, and one upon which the General Nursing Council for Scotland is to be warmly congratulated.

#### LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Among the legacies of Miss Victoria Daunt, S.R.N., of St. Thomas Mansions, Lambeth, late Assistant Matron, Middlesex Hospital, who died at Buckfast, leaving £7,883 (net personalty £7,818), was one of £4,300 and her household and personal effects to Miss Alicia Frances Jane Lloyd Still, formerly Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Mr. Charles John Keep, of Kenton Court, W., left £500 each to his former nurses, Doris K. Llewellyn and Helen Brown, "realising that without their services I should not be alive."

#### Smithfield Martyrs.

A restored memorial tablet marking the site of the Smithfield martyrdoms was recently unveiled in the north wall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., by the Ven. E. N. Sharpe, Archdeacon of London.

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