

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Final Examination, April, 1942.

Register.	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
General—						
First entries	3,022	92	2,930	2,371	559	19.07%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	214	11	203	133	70	34.48%
" Part	486	18	468	277	191	40.81%
" Total	3,722	121	3,601	2,781	820	
Male—						
First entries	8	—	8	8	—	—
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	1	—	1	—	1	100%
" Part	2	—	2	1	1	50%
" Total	11	—	11	9	2	
Mental—						
First entries	60	2	58	35	23	39.65%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	3	—	3	3	—	—
" Part	16	1	15	6	9	60%
" Total	79	3	76	44	32	
Mental Defect—						
First entries	9	1	8	8	—	—
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	1	—	1	1	—	—
" Part	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Total	10	1	9	9	—	—
Sick Children—						
First entries	174	8	166	162	14	8.48%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	3	—	3	3	—	—
" Part	21	4	17	15	2	11.76%
" Total	198	12	186	170	16	
Fever—						
First entries	400	10	390	358	32	8.2%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	12	—	12	12	—	—
" Part	36	3	33	25	8	24.24%
" Total	448	13	435	395	40	

THE REGISTER OF NURSES.

MAINTAINED BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND, 1942.

We have to thank the Registrar and the General Nursing Council for Scotland for their courtesy in sending us a copy of the Register of Nurses for 1942. Maintained by the Council, year by year this valuable work grows in size, a large number of new entries proving the increase of Registered Nurses in Scotland. The Register records the names and qualifications of nurses in six sections—General, Male Nurses, Mental Nurses, Sick Children's Nurses, Fever Nurses, and Nurses for Mental Defectives. There are now well over 20,000 General Nurses on the List; but apparently men have not yet realised the value of general training, as only eight names are included in the list. We presume, therefore, as in England, they are employed in mental nursing and fail to realise the value of legal status.

The appearance of the Register is exceedingly handsome, the binding a beautiful tone of blue, inscribed in gold. The paper on which the Register is inscribed is of excellent quality and the printing to be highly commended. To issue annually the Register of Nurses means work of the utmost concentration and accuracy, which the nurses who benefit by it should have brought to their notice so that they may value the publicity thus obtained for their professional qualifications. We wonder if Sister Tutor brings this asset to the notice of her pupils, and thus inspires them with gratitude and determination after study and examination to find their names inscribed on the Register of Nurses—a very honourable record indeed.

DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH.

Our King and Queen have recently paid visits to Scotland and Northern Ireland, and came into touch with the men being drilled into efficient defenders of the faith. One Canadian is reported to have said: "I am not here to fight for Britain, but to help protect our Queen." It is good to possess a smile that commands devotion.

THE WAR.

LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY.

Dear Land of Hope, thy hope is crowned,
 God make thee mightier yet!
 On Sovran brows, beloved, renowned,
 Once more thy crown is set.
 Thine equal laws, by Freedom gained,
 Have ruled thee well and long;
 By Freedom gained, by Truth maintained,
 Thine Empire shall be strong.

Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free,
 How shall we extol thee, who are born of thee?
 Wider still and wider, shall thy bounds be set;
 God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet.

ELGAR.

United Nations Day.

The two great events in connection with the war during the past month have been the celebration of United Nations' Day, and the signing of the twenty years' Anglo-Soviet Treaty.

The King and Queen, with the Princesses and the heads of a number of allied States, attended the United Nations Day ceremony on June 14th, at which the flags of 22 peoples allied with the British Commonwealth, were honoured during a march past Buckingham Palace by representatives of the Services, Civil Defence organisations, and war workers.

Leading the whole procession were uniformed men and women of the civil defence services, the band of the National Fire Service playing "Land of Hope and Glory" as they obeyed the order, "Eyes Right!" and marched past the King, who stood at the salute.

It was a most inspiring sight and the women's services added immensely to its picturequeness.

The British Army forming the rearguard of the procession by Guardsmen and women of all the women's military services—Q.A.I.M.N.S. and T.A.N.S., V.A.D., A.T.S., and N.A.A.F.I.

The Nursing services aroused popular acclamation as indeed they deserved. Well disciplined, finely equipped, the devoted attendants of sick and wounded—our military nurses are our special pride.

England has Stood Alone Guarding the Bridgeheads and Frontiers of Freedom.

The American Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant, already well beloved in this country, paid his first visit to Oxford, when he delivered the James Bryce Memorial Lecture at Somerville College.

In his lecture, Mr. Winant said: "The need of allied understanding, and particularly the correct interpretation of thought and action by those of us who are exposed to a common language are essential to self-preservation and future happiness.

"Once again, and in our own day, England has stood alone guarding the bridgeheads and frontiers of freedom and democracy. The future once again rests upon the skill and courage of our fighting men, and the trembling hopes of mankind on the good sense and magnanimity of those who, within God's good time, will make the peace that will guarantee safe conduct for the children of the future."

As long as we remain, we must speak free,
 Tho' all the storm of Europe on us
 break.

TENNYSON.

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