

qualified, nor more intellectually fitted to present such a work.

The exposition of the material, so generously placed at the disposal of eager students is worthy of the highest praise. Clarity is the keynote. Simplicity of style allied to a profundity of knowledge in very readable and interesting chapters, renders the work priceless. Such painstaking and deliberate presentation of professional text is seldom found, especially in these modern times. When one recalls the fact that these splendid volumes have been written and compiled by British Registered Nurses, one may be forgiven an understandable feeling of pride in their achievement, which reflects such scholarship and mastery of their subject.

VOLUME I is complete in two sections. *Section 1* contains 128 chapters dealing exclusively with *Anatomy and Physiology*. The chapters are of absorbing interest, detailed and accurate, leaving nothing to be desired. The diagrams are beautiful, clearly labelled and self-explanatory.

*Section 2* contains seven chapters dealing with the *Nature and Principles of First Aid*. It is an excellent idea to arrange this section immediately after the one dealing with *Anatomy and Physiology*, for by the time the Students arrive at *First Aid*, they should be familiar with all the terms used and the names of the various parts of the body.

VOLUME II is divided into three sections, as follows. The first (*Section 3*), is devoted to *Hygiene* and is a complete text book in itself. It is profusely illustrated with black and white diagrams, highly instructive, and very readable, whilst covering in detail the subjects laid down in the Syllabus of the General Nursing Council.

*Section 4* is an important text, dealing with *Bacteriology and Clinical Pathology*. This particular section, though essential for Student Nurses, will be more useful as a handbook for trained nurses reading for a post-graduate degree, such as the Diploma in Nursing. It may prove to be a little difficult and involved for young Students taking their State Registration Examinations. It certainly does contain extraneous material, as far as their training Syllabus is concerned. It is a brilliant section, gaily illustrated in technicolour, and beautifully written, and containing intimate details regarding Bacteria and most comprehensive Bacteriological tables. There are notes on Immunity, the Sterilisation or Destruction of Bacteria and notes on the Staining and Cultivation of Bacteria, etc., etc.

*Section 5*, the third in Volume II, is an exposition of the *Theory and Practice of Nursing (Part I)*. It contains a brief Outline of the History of Nursing, with some notes on what is generally expected of a nurse, and Nursing Ethics. The Nursing Syllabus for the Preliminary State Examination is completely covered, including instructions on Bandaging and Splint Padding.

VOLUME III again contains three sections (6, 7 and 8). *Section 6* continues the instructions on the *Theory and Practice of Nursing* for Students studying for their Final State Examinations. It is complete, detailed and explicit and highly instructive.

*Section 7* deals with *Materia Medica, Therapeutics and Dietetics*, an excellent combination. The chapter dealing with Chemotherapy is absorbingly interesting and thoroughly up-to-date. If one may—with due deference—presume to question the scholarly author's statement on Streptomycin, one might like to state that its infallibility to cure Tuberculous Meningitis is much doubted. It has a great number of failures to its discredit! However, these are early days yet.

*Section 8* is an ambitious section dealing with *Medical Nursing*. Included here are Medical Nursing Lectures for general, medical diseases, also in full detail, for all Infectious

Diseases and Tuberculosis. Each disease is fully treated. There is a chapter on Skins, and on the Feeding of Infants and Children, and in addition illustrated lectures dealing with Physiotherapy.

VOLUME IV is divided into five sections (9, 10, 11, 12 and 13). *Section 9* treats of *Surgical Nursing* in all its aspects. Burns and Ulcers, Injuries, Fractures and Dislocations, Haemorrhage, and the Nursing of Common Surgical Affections. Affections of the Eyes, Ear, Nose and Throat, and Theatre Technique; the whole Syllabus is completely covered, nothing is wanting.

*Section 10* contains two chapters dealing exclusively with *Gynaecology and Gynaecological Nursing*, whilst *Section 11* is a beautifully illustrated section covering the *Science of Obstetrics*. Note the chapters to be convinced of its entirety! Pregnancy, Antenatal Care, Toxæmias of Pregnancy, Abortion, Stages of Labour, the Puerperium, and the Care of the Newborn Infant!! What a treasure-trove for Midwifery Students and Students of Medicine and Nursing.

Following naturally on *Obstetrics* comes *Section 12* dealing with *Pædiatrics*. Here is the necessary information for Students of Children's Diseases and Nursery Students, absolutely detailed and self-contained.

*Section 13*, which comes last of all, is a wonderful climax to the volumes. It is a most learned section dealing with *Social Economics and the Social Aspect of Disease*. This is a new venture in a Nursing Text-book, very necessary, and completing a professional education and widening the horizon for trained nurses. It deals with the Prevention of Disease, as it affects each individual member of the community. Each individual is studied in relation to his environment, his mental, spiritual and physical needs, so that he can attain true happiness, security and peace, with sickness and poverty being relegated to oblivion. Industrial Insurance, Sickness Benefits, the New Health Act, Public Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, Nursery Schools, Mental Deficiency and Tuberculosis are all dealt with fully and explicitly.

The practice of Social Medicine, when it comes, will usher in a new era for mankind. This section has obviously been dealt with by an expert with profound knowledge, and any trained nurse reading for the higher degrees will find it inexhaustible, and of tremendous value to her studies, for it is indispensable.

Each of the four volumes carries an index, produced on blue paper, in vivid contrast to the white pages of the text. A stroke of genius, which makes for ease and time saving. VOLUME IV carries a complete index relating to each of the four volumes.

From this very sketchy review, the reader will no doubt see for herself the magnitude of the work which the learned authors have given to the profession. Theirs was a yeoman task, patiently and ably carried out, beautifully executed and well finished, in a period of our history when shoddy work can reap high rewards. Their rewards must partly be in the growing mental stature of the readers of their priceless work, and in the benefits and scholarship they have given to the profession by compiling such a brilliant exposition of Modern Professional Nursing. Certainly the authors deserve unqualified success after such labours and one sincerely hopes the volumes will become Best Sellers, with a quick demand for new editions. No student nurse of vision will hesitate to acquire her set, and it would be a matter for shame were Nursing and Medical Libraries up and down the country found to be without their copy. Sister-Tutors have a wonderful opportunity to recommend this classical work of their professional colleagues, and it is their plain duty to do so.

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