

the Register, be encouraged to do so, if they could be in a no less advantageous position without such additional training by applying for inclusion in the Minister's list. Moreover, the present proposal would give rise to the position, about which my Council's concern was emphasised in my letter of March 15th, 1951, of the existence in this country of a permanent class of persons entitled to use the title "nurse" but over whom neither the Council nor any other body would have any disciplinary powers.

My Council ask that the Minister should give these aspects of the matter further serious consideration, and that the Council be kept informed of the position.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. HENRY,
Registrar.

The Secretary,

Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W.1.

Education and Examination

It was reported that at the June Examinations the following numbers of candidates were successful:—

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION			
Parts I and II	..	..	1,695
Part I only	..	..	2,869
Part II only	..	..	2,489
			7,053
FINAL EXAMINATION			
General Nurses	..	..	2,434
Male Nurses	..	..	227
Mental Nurses	..	..	247
Nurses for Mental Defectives	..	..	44
Sick Children's Nurses	..	..	152
Fever Nurses	..	..	89
			3,193

Next Meeting of the Council

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for September 28th, 1951.

Final State Examination for the Part of the Register for Mental Nurses.

June 6th, 1951.

MORNING PAPER.

Time allowed 2½ hours.

NOTE.—You must answer FIVE questions and not more than five.

- Describe the various forms which epilepsy may take, apart from the major epileptic fit.
- What is meant by the term hernia? What are the common symptoms? What emergencies may arise?
- Describe a case of acute melancholia and its treatment.
- In which mental disorders is a patient likely to be:—
(a) perplexed or puzzled;
(b) suspicious?
How would you deal with these symptoms?
- How is convulsion therapy carried out? What complications may result? Mention any modifications of this treatment with which you may be acquainted.
- Discuss the value of outdoor recreations, hospital libraries and social clubs in the treatment of mental patients.
- What symptoms and changes in personality may occur after a severe head injury?

AFTERNOON PAPER.

Time allowed 2½ hours.

NOTE.—You must answer FIVE questions and not more than five.

- Describe in detail the nursing care and management of a patient suffering from influenza broncho-pneumonia.

- What do you understand by the letters D.D.A? To what drugs does this heading refer and what precautions must be taken with regard to their storage and administration in the ward?
- Discuss the problem of violence in a refractory ward and suggest any means whereby it can be overcome.
- What are the points to be emphasised in the writing of a ward report?
- What are the duties of the nurse in the immediate post-operative care and in the further treatment of a leucotomised patient?
- What would be the first-aid treatment and subsequent nursing care of a patient who has made an attempt at suicide by taking an overdose of aspirin?
- What instructions would you give to a student nurse regarding the economical use of: (a) dressings; (b) bed-linen; and (c) cleaning requisites?

Final State Examination for the Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Defectives.

June 6th, 1951.

MORNING PAPER.

Time allowed 2½ hours.

NOTE.—You must answer FIVE questions and not more than five.

- Enumerate and give the functions of the cranial nerves.
- Give an account of the maintenance of discipline and of occupational training required in a ward or villa for unstable adult patients.
- Give a description of the provision which should be made to deal with patients suffering from infectious diseases in a mental deficiency hospital.
- Describe the prognosis in the case of (a) feeble-minded, (b) imbecile, (c) idiot patients.
- What do you understand by the unconscious (sub-conscious) mind?
- Give an account of the organisation of social activities for patients in a mental deficiency hospital.
- What risks are run during the training of adult defectives and what precautions may be taken against them?

AFTERNOON PAPER.

Time allowed 2½ hours.

NOTE.—You must answer FIVE questions and not more than five.

- Describe in detail the nursing care and attention required in the nursing of an adult imbecile suffering from paraplegia.
- Describe in detail how you would prepare and apply:—
(a) linseed poultice;
(b) cold compress;
(c) mustard leaf.
- What is diphtheria? Discuss the nursing treatment of a high-grade mental defective suffering from this condition. What complications may occur?
- Discuss the procedure entailed on receiving the information from the Medical Superintendent that he wishes you to fetch an absconder from a known address.
- How would you instruct in good habits of personal hygiene a ward of feeble-minded patients whose ages range from 16 to 20 years?
- Under what circumstances do mental defective patients require to be fed? Describe any one method.
- What signs would lead you to suspect that an idiot child was—
(a) thirsty;
(b) feverish;
(c) constipated?
Discuss the prevention of constipation in such children.

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