

dard of intelligence, education, and experience.

Candidates are prone to use phrases and names rather than to describe experiences as actually known to them.

The lady who described a type of breathing as "chained stoats," possibly had quite a clear mental picture of the phenomenon, but she did not impart it to the examiner; the other who recommended: "Len Hall's diet" in the gastric ulcer case, conveyed to him the fact that she was an attendant at lectures rather than a nurse with a first hand knowledge of diets.

The purely nursing questions were very well answered; but the physiology of heat regulation was a difficulty for many, this was a question which gave an opportunity for a display of commonsense, and general knowledge; but because the lectures or text books had not crammed the candidates on the subject, many were content to ignore the matter altogether, or else dismiss it with two or three lines on the subject of sweat glands, whereas a little thought about their own requirements in health

would have given them plenty to write about with regard to heat loss, and heat production, whether voluntary, or involuntary.

The causes of gastric pain are surely often enough met with by nurses of any practical experience; but many candidates were quite at a loss when they had enumerated gastric ulcer and indigestion, forgetting all about carcinoma, flatulence, hyperchlorhydria, the gastric crisis of tabes, or the pain so often referred to the stomach by children at the onset of pneumonia, due to diaphragmatic pleurisy.

In conclusion, I may say that the questions, as a whole, were well answered, and I could not help feeling that no one should really have failed as even those unlucky ones who failed to reach the standard apparently knew their work; but were either too indolent, or too inexperienced in writing answers, to convey to the examiner the extent of their practical knowledge or experience, when they found themselves devoid of potted information culled from text books.

State Examination of Midwives, June, 1915

The following candidates have been successful in passing the recent State examination for the registration of midwives. Their names appear in order of merit:—

Name.	Hospital.
Beswick, Mary B.	St. Helens, Christchurch
Wilson, Eliz.	St. Helens, Dunedin
Wilson, Eliz. A.	St. Helens, Wellington
Munro, Isabella	St. Helens, Dunedin
Ballantyne, Jessie A.	Medical School Maternity Hospital, Dunedin
Lowman, Emily	Medical School Maternity Hospital, Dunedin
Earl, Agnes A.	St. Helens, Christchurch
Croft, Maud L.	St. Helens, Dunedin
Muir, Jean	St. Helens, Dunedin
Dalziel, Maggie M.	St. Helens, Christchurch
Boyce, Mary	St. Helens, Dunedin
Stewart, Jean	St. Helens, Christchurch
Gilmour, Marion R.	Medical School Maternity Hospital, Dunedin
Watson, Florence M.	Alexandra Home, Wellington

Name.	Hospital.
Innes-Jones, Kathleen	St. Helens, Wellington
Rogers, Florence	St. Helens, Wellington
Burrows, Mary A.	St. Helens, Christchurch
King, Eileen P.	St. Helens, Dunedin
Page, Lilian	Medical School Maternity Hospital, Dunedin
Logan, May R.	St. Helens, Auckland
Beer, Florence M.	St. Helens, Christchurch
Wade, Alice	Townley Maternity Hospital, Gisborne
Ihle, Louisa M.	St. Helens, Wellington
Bonner, Alice	St. Helens, Auckland
Rushbrook, Hilda M.	St. Helens, Auckland
Locke, Amy S.	St. Helens, Christchurch
Ross, Eulalie L.	St. Helens, Auckland
Dodge, Ada E.	St. Helens, Christchurch
Nairn, Margarete J.	Townley Maternity Hospital, Gisborne
M'Loghry, Lilian	Townley Maternity Hospital, Gisborne
Begbie, Emily	St. Helens, Auckland
Burke, Sylvia	St. Helens, Auckland