

hospital schools as evidenced by the papers corrected.

The above comments show less satisfaction than those on the surgical paper, and this result has previously been reported on many occasions, showing that less interest appears to be taken in medical nursing, although in the case of such cases the ability and careful training of the nurse counts even more than in surgical nursing.

COMMENTS ON MEDICAL PAPER.

The papers on the whole were only fair. Much unnecessary time was spent on detailing purely medicinal measures of treatment, prescriptions even being written. Details of nursing were in some cases quite secondary. This, however, is essential, and more attention should be paid to it in the teaching of nurses preparing for examination.

In practice, no nurse is expected to order medicine, but she is given complete control of the nursing, and she is expected to be able to carry it out satisfactorily. This fault caused many candidates to lose marks.

Questions 1 and 2.—The answers were in most cases poor. The syllabus should be restricted to the main essentials of anatomy and physiology.

Questions 3.—This was answered best. Details of diet, although asked for, were not given in quite a number of papers.

Question 4.—This also was well answered.

Question 5.—The answers were disappointing. Every candidate should know how to nurse an unconscious person. Long details of the medicinal treatment of the various causes of coma were given at the expense of what was asked for, namely, a description of the nursing details of a comatose patient.

Question 6.—Several candidates described hypothyroidism. Many answers were good.

Question 7.—A few candidates described cholera, instead of chorea.

The nursing details were well answered in this question.

On the whole, the standard, although low, was satisfactory, there being few failures.

Obituary

On another page is recorded the resignation of Miss Stott, Matron of the Wellington Hospital. Now we have, with deep regret, to announce her death on October 2nd, at the Bowen Street Private Hospital. Her illness progressed rapidly after leaving the Wellington Hospital. Her sister came from Auckland and was with her during the last few weeks of her life. It is sad indeed, that after her long and strenuous professional life she was not spared to enjoy the leisure she had earned or to return to her own country, as she had planned.

On the 4th a Memorial Service was held at St. Mark's Church, and the church was crowded with those who wished to show the last mark of affection and respect. The members of the Hospital Board, the medical staff, honorary and resident, the President of the Nurses' Association and a large number of the nurs-

ing profession and many of the outside public attended. The wreaths sent were very numerous and beautiful. The Nurses' Association, Wellington branch, sent a wreath, and one was sent from Dunedin from the Central Council, sitting in conference there, a vote of sympathy with Miss Stott's relatives being carried by members standing in silence.

The death of Miss Kate Braidwood, Matron of the Greymouth Hospital, occurred in September, after a short illness. Miss Braidwood had twice been off duty for long periods owing to diphtheria, and had not long been back at her post before she developed her fatal illness. She was trained at the Greymouth Hospital, of which she was Matron since 1925, and her death cast a shadow of gloom over the town in which she was so well known.