(III) *Expenses.*—Travelling and subsistence expenses are additional. Candidates may have to attend at a distant centre on at least two and possibly three days for each examination.

(IV) *The Preliminary Examination.*—

Full marks for the oral and practical examinations are double those for the written part.

The examination is divided into "subjects," thus: (*a*) Paper on anatomy and physiology, *and* the oral and practical examination in anatomy, physiology and hygiene. (*b*) Paper on hygiene and nursing, *and* the oral and practical examination in nursing.

(V) *Final Examination.*—Questions on sections of the syllabus taken in the preliminary examination are excluded from this examination.

1st Paper on mental and bodily diseases and the oral form one "subject."

2nd Paper on mental nursing *and* the oral and practical examination in mental nursing form another "subject."

(VI) *Re-Examination.*—A candidate who fails to satisfy the Examiners is required to:—(*a*) re-enter for all the sections of the "subject" in which she has failed to satisfy the Examiners; (*b*) re-enter also for all the sections of any "subject" in which she has failed to obtain sufficient marks to entitle her to a "credit."

(VII) *Training.*—The course of training follows very closely that laid down by the R.M.P.A., with a minimum of 3 years' duration.

"General Duties of Mental Nurses, etc.," and "First Aid" are excluded from the preliminary examination, but a greater knowledge of hygiene is expected.

A more extensive knowledge of practical nursing procedure is also demanded for the preliminary examination.

The preliminary course consists of 16 lectures on anatomy and physiology, 6 on hygiene, and 12 on the theory and practice of nursing. Minimum attendances are two-thirds of these.

Before the final examination two further courses of 20 lectures are to be given, of which 15 in each course must be attended.

Six months' training in bedside nursing, and class instruction in nursing duties, including first aid and invalid cooking, must be taken some time during the three years' training.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS (*Omitted from April number*).

O.B.E. (*Civil*).

Miss MARY MITCHELL THORBURN, R.R.C., Matron, Horton Mental Hospital, Epsom.

M.B.E. (*Civil*).

Miss JANE MOTTERSHEAD, Senior Assistant Matron, Cheshire County Mental Hospital, Macclesfield.

OBITUARY.

REGINALD WICKHAM PRENTICE, L.M.S.S.A.

Ordinary Member since 1908.

The late R. W. PRENTICE, of Ringwood, Hants, had, for the last thirty-four years, practised as a specialist in nervous diseases; he had a wonderful power of understanding the neurasthenic and borderland cases, and by his sympathy and courage did much to restore the mentally broken in health. Sir George Savage and Sir David Ferrier were great believers in Prentice's methods of treatment and have spoken most highly of his success.

Prentice was the son of the Rev. Henry Prentice, and was born at Holford Vicarage, Somerset; he was educated at All Hallows, Honiton, and at King's College Hospital.

He was a keen sportsman, had travelled all over the world, often in company with one of his patients, and since he settled first at Alresford and lastly at Ringwood had taken a leading part in all local and parish affairs, having been both district councillor and churchwarden. He died at Ringwood on January 17, 1928.

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