

The number of nurses in training in the school is about sixty. The course is of two years duration and during that time the nurse is required to pass three examinations, the course being divided into three terms of eight months each. The first two examinations are held by the Medical Superintendent and the Lady Superintendent, while the final examination is conducted by two members of the Medical Board, a physician and a surgeon, each examining in his own department.

Before a nurse is received into the school she must serve a probationary period not exceeding two months, then, if accepted, she becomes a junior, and if successful in passing her examinations she becomes in turn a senior and finally a head nurse.

The instruction consists principally of work in the ward under the supervision of the Lady Superintendent and her assistants, the head nurse of the ward being held responsible for the way in which the assistant nurses perform their duties. Classes are held regularly by the Lady Superintendent for the nurses, and during the winter months lectures are given by members of the attending staff on various subjects.

Such is a brief outline of the methods pursued in the school—methods which have been followed by such signal success, both in raising the standard of nursing in the hospital and also in providing capable nurses for private work outside.