

and do not wish to stay anywhere for any length of time. They are therefore only available for temporary positions. Because nurses often fail to renew their practising certificates, it is very difficult to obtain an exact estimate of how they are employed. The number on the Practising Register is 4,500.

The number required is—

For general hospitals	1,825
For private hospitals	833
For public health nursing including industry	600
For island services	100
	3,358

Of the remaining number, there are probably at least 100 to 150 employed in doctors' consulting-rooms and at least 300 overseas, apart from the island services, leaving a surplus of approximately 650 unaccounted for.

Pupil-nurses.—With the object of reviewing the wastage of pupil-nurses in our training schools at the end of December, 1947, a questionnaire was issued to all training schools, and a summary of the Dominion findings as at 31st December, 1947, is as follows:—

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1. Average number of occupied beds ..	8,138·2	7,363·4	6,674·5
2. Average number of pupil-nurses ..	3,326·6	3,236·8	3,263·8
3. Total number entering hospital ..	1,406	1,364	1,076
Number of these over 20 years ..	450 (32%)	562 (26·6%)	243 (22·6%)
4. Number who resigned during training ..	661 (19·9%)	677 (20·9%)	563 (17·2%)
Number of these over 20 years ..	311 (47%)	348 (51·4%)	287 (51%)
(a) Number who left by end of preliminary school ..	69 (10·4%)	66 (9·7%)	68 (12%)
(b) Between preliminary school and end of first six months ..	149 (22·6%)	148 (21·9%)	126 (22·4%)
(c) Between six months and end of first year ..	152 (23%)	165 (24·4%)	138 (24·5%)
(d) During second year ..	191 (28·9%)	201 (29·7%)	135 (24%)
(e) During third year ..	80 (12·1%)	76 (11·2%)	87 (15·4%)
(f) Unaccounted above who resigned ..	20 (3%)	21 (3·1%)	9 (1·6%)
REASONS FOR LEAVING			
5. (a) Number who left to be married ..	163 (24·7%)	189 (27·9%)	153 (27·2%)
(b) Owing to family responsibilities ..	65 (9·8%)	81 (11·9%)	83 (14·8%)
(c) For health reasons ..	118 (17·9%)	93 (13·7%)	84 (14·9%)
(d) Who disliked the work ..	84 (12·7%)	98 (14·5%)	70 (12·4%)
(e) Who were unsuitable ..	68 (10·3%)	82 (12·1%)	66 (11·7%)
(f) Unable to reach examination standard—			
(1) In preliminary school ..	38 (5·7%)	16 (2·4%)	20 (3·6%)
(2) In Junior State Examination ..	46 (6·9%)	33 (4·93%)	17 (3%)
(3) In term examinations ..	17 (2·6%)	21 (3·1%)	3 (0·5%)
(g) Number who left for reasons unknown ..	..	..	..
OF THOSE WHO RESIGNED			
6. Number transferred as pupil-nurses to general, maternity, or aid schools ..	46 (7%)	48 (7·1%)	52 (9·2%)
Number transferred as hospital aids to subsidiary or private hospitals ..	16 (2·4%)	16 (2·4%)	7 (1·3%)
Number resigned but giving hospital service elsewhere ..	62 (9·4%)	64 (9·5%)	59 (10·5%)