

be given. We could wish that the London County Council would have offered a more liberal salary, as no first-class woman—such as is essential to make the work successful—will apply, considering that she has to provide for herself with the sum named. But perhaps this error may be rectified at an early date.

From the *Hampshire Chronicle* we cull the following interesting account of the presentation of prizes to the Nurses at the Royal Hants Hospital at Winchester:—

"A most interesting gathering took place in the Board Room of the Hospital on Thursday afternoon, the occasion being the presentation of prizes and certificates to those Nurses and Probationers who had been successful in the recent annual examination by means of a set paper, the same having been this year kindly conducted by Dr. Harman, one of the Physicians to the Hospital. The popular Chairman of the Board (William W. Portal, Esq.), who was accompanied by Mrs. Portal and Master and the Misses Portal, presided, supported by Mrs. Suckling (Lady Superintendent of Nurses) and a number of other ladies. The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said on behalf of the Board he wished to thank those kind friends who had shown their interest in the institution by attending there that afternoon as on former occasions, their presence strengthening the Board and the officers in the work which they had to carry out. The prize competition was an annual event, and it was started during the chairmanship of his friend Mr. Jones-Bateman. Each year some member of the medical staff had taken the trouble of conducting it. Last year it was Mr. Langdon who carried out the examination, and now this year it had been undertaken by Dr. Harman, who was delighted with the result, and would presently tell them more about it. The nursing staff at that hospital was not by any means a small one, the total being 45 Nurses and Probationers, of whom at the present time 27 were working inside the hospital, and 18 at various places outside, and as the years passed their services were more highly valued, one of the great difficulties being how to supply them when required. At this examination thirteen entered. All Nurses in training were eligible for the examination, but the competition for the prizes offered by the Committee was limited to those Probationers who had been at the Hospital for six months. The class had been attended by 21, some of the private Nurses having been present only when they were in from nursing. Of their Nurses who were now out one was in Africa, two in Jersey, one in France, two in Devonshire, one in Bath, and one in London, and in several instances they were working under gentlemen who had been house surgeons at that Hospital. This showed how wide-spread was the knowledge of their efficiency, and spoke also of the ability of Mrs. Suckling, the Lady Superintendent. In the prize competition each one who entered had selected a motto instead of giving a name, the first prize winner, whose motto was "Labour and wait," being Miss Margaret Macdonald (applause), and he congratulated her on her success. For the second prize two competitors were equal in merit, namely, "Laborare est orare" (Miss Maud Pineo), and "Strive to learn all things" (Nurse Alice Purchall). The third prize was taken by "Union is strength" (Miss Ellen C. W. Towgood). He was sure they must all feel satisfied with the report of Dr. Harman, who said that many of the answers were extremely good, and that practically there was little difference in

the first six on the list. The competitors had not all answered the whole of the questions, but Dr. Harman thought that if there had not been diffidence in this respect more would have done even better. The Chairman concluded by proposing a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Harman for his services. In reply, Dr. Harman said some of the members of the class joined some time after it had commenced, but the answering of the paper had been very good all round—in fact, one Probationer, who had done but little, had answered that little exceedingly well. As to the first six on the list he had great difficulty in choosing between them, but the task he had undertaken had given him a great deal of pleasure. The bedside, however, was after all the test of a good Nurse. On all sides he heard of the high reputation of the Winchester Nurses, and he was sure the sense that they were doing good far outweighed any anxiety or trouble they were put to, and would be hereafter rewarded. The Chairman then asked Mrs. Portal to take the chair, and distribute the prizes and certificates, saying that she was second only to himself in the interest she took in the Hospital. Mrs. Portal at once proceeded with the distribution, and in a genial manner handed the awards to the successful competitors. Miss Macdonald's first prize was a case of instruments, with her initials engraved thereon; the other prize winners receiving handsomely bound volumes. Certificates were then given to Miss Florence Vernon, Nurse Lilian Lampard, Miss Harwood, and Miss Aytoun; and it was announced by the Chairman that the following had gained a similar honour, but being out nursing were unable to attend:—Nurse Kate Fletton (trained for the Hampshire Nursing Institution, promoted by Lady Maud Wolmer), Miss McGill, Nurse Lamb, and Nurse Ada James."

DR. THOMAS DOLAN, medical officer to the St. Luke's Hospital, makes the following statements in his report for 1893, to the Guardians of the Halifax Union:—

"As the Guardians have undertaken the training of Probationers, I may here say a few words on this subject.

"I am satisfied that a sound training can be given at this Hospital. A Probationer can see all kinds of disease, as it occurs in infancy, childhood, mature life and old age, the Nursing of the latter being of the greatest possible importance, and embracing the principles of all good Nursing. In dealing with the aged, the Probationer learns the value of cleanliness, the importance of feeding, methods of lifting and changing patients, the benefits of warmth and ventilation. Observation is cultivated. She has a chance of acquiring skill and deftness in dealing with the helpless. She passes from the infirm Wards to those of the children, where fresh faculties are called into play. Her temper and patience, taxed already may be, by the changing fancies of the aged, are here again put to the test, and she should develop tact, firmness, quickness, while she sees acute forms of disease and learns the first elements of bandaging, dressing, &c.

"She is changed into the Medical and Surgical Wards, where her training is advanced to the keeping of temperature charts, taking notes, &c.; the practical work of the Wards being supplemented by lectures, during the first year of training by the Lady Superintendent, and the second and third years by myself and Miss Wilkie. I have recommended

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