

Dr. Donald, the medical officer at the Kingston Union Infirmary, has received a letter from Dr. James Cantlie upon the result of an examination of the nurses of that institution, at which 100 per cent. marks were gained by Nurse M. R. Parsons, 95 per cent. by Nurse Gianella, and 90 per cent. by Nurse Whitrod. Dr. Cantlie in his letter congratulated Dr. Donald and all concerned in teaching the nurses at the infirmary, who, he said, were the best as a whole he had examined.

This is a very satisfactory result, as the training school of the infirmary has only been organised within recent years, since the appointment of Miss J. A. Smith as Matron. Miss Smith is an indefatigable worker, and has inaugurated more than one such school with excellent results.

On Tuesday last an At Home and Annual Prize-giving to the nursing staff of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Hampstead, took place. A number of the members of the Hospital Committee and nurses' friends were present.—The Chairman, Mr. Henry Stedall, in presenting prizes to the following nurses, expressed the very great pleasure and satisfaction it gave the Committee to receive such a good report of the result of the nurses examinations, and the way in which they had done their work during the past year.

Second Year Nurses.—*General Efficiency*: Nurse Kelly, 1st prize; Nurse Thompson, 2nd prize. *Anatomy and Physiology*: Nurse Pickering, 1st prize; Nurse Muncey, 2nd prize. *Dispensing, Theory and Practice*: Nurse Robinson, 1st prize; Nurse Pickering and Nurse Muncey, 2nd prize.

First Year Nurses.—*Nursing Lectures and General Efficiency*: Nurse McNeill, 1st prize; Nurse Caldecleugh, 2nd prize. *Anatomy and Physiology*: Nurse Ricketts, 1st prize; Nurse McNeill, 2nd prize.

The first prize in general efficiency in the second year is a green belt with silver clasp, inscribed, to be worn by the nurse as a badge of honour and distinction during the remainder of her stay in the hospital. In alluding to the year's work by the nurses, the Matron (Miss Swain) stated that she had taken some of the nurses for three months and given them instruction in housekeeping and general hospital management. She expressed herself very satisfied with their work.—After the presentation the room was cleared and a most enjoyable musical evening was spent.

There was a most appreciative audience of

nurses at a special matinee of "The Little Stranger," at the Criterion Theatre last week, when over 600 nurses from the principal London Hospitals responded to the kind invitation of Mr. Frank Curzon to be present. No one enjoys a performance of this kind more than the hospital nurse, and there was a constant ripple of laughter, the quaint doings of Master Edward Garratt and his nurse affording continuous amusement. The audience did not miss a point in the many references made on the stage to their calling.

The Journal of the Royal South Hants Nurses' League is most interesting, although from the pathetic remarks of the Matron, Miss Mollett, in her editorial it would appear that the members are somewhat diffident as to sending contributions for insertion. She writes:—"I am tired of demanding copy for our Journal from our members, they are all so busy or so modest that they hardly ever respond; but think how much more interesting our Journal would be if I could incorporate little accounts and descriptions from those of you who are scattered and from whom we are so pleased to hear."

The Journal contains an interesting sketch of the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital during the first fifty years of its existence from the able pen of Miss Mollett, the history being brought up to the year 1892. In the next issue Miss Mollett hopes to continue the history from that date, from her own memory and notes, 1892 being the year when she was appointed Matron.

A picture of the Royal South Hants Infirmary, of which the Foundation Stone was laid in October, 1843, is published as a frontispiece, and there is as an inset a picture of the present fine Hospital, a comparison of the two showing the extent of the rapid development of the institution, and, incidentally the liberality and public spirit of the people of Southampton.

Many nurses, in the exercise of their profession frequently meet with gentlewomen with small incomes, whose circumstances, even in health, make life a hard struggle. When illness, often caused by overwork, and the strain and anxiety consequent upon it befalls them, their case is a hard one indeed. With inability to work their means of self-support ceases, while care and comfort were never more essential if a good recovery is to be hoped for. There are many who will be glad to know of

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