

house where the men can lodge while waiting to be sent to cases. The Society which was launched at a meeting held at the residence of Sir R. Biddulph Martin, Hill Street, Mayfair, in the summer aims at providing, as private nurses men who have been trained in the great military and naval hospitals, viz., men of the nursing section of the Army who have obtained their certificates of three years' training and, in the case of the Navy, members of the Sick Berth Staff who have completed their first term of service. The nurses on the register will receive the full fees they earn, less a small reduction for working expenses. The Co-operation appeals for help to those who feel that efficient male nurses should be more extensively employed in civil life, and that certain cases should not be nursed by women at all. It should appeal also to the many who wish to see employment found for men of exceptional character after they leave the two great services. The office of the Society is at 47B, Welbeck Street, W.

It is reported that a Male Nurses' Temperance Co-operation requires all its members to put twenty pounds into the business on joining. If 100 men did this in connection with the new co-operation the £2,000 required would be in hand.

The Lady Mayoress of Newcastle-on-Tyne last week presented the prizes awarded in connection with the Heath Bequest to nurses at the Royal Infirmary for general skill. The ceremony took place in the library of the institution in the presence of a large and distinguished audience. Lord Armstrong, Chairman of the House Committee, presided.

The following nurses were the prize-winners:—Senior nurses—1st prize, £10, and silver medal for 1907, Nurse Emily Kirsopp; 2nd prize, £5, Nurse Margaret Smith; 3rd prize, £3, Nurse Annie Crowe. Junior nurses—1st prize, £5, Nurse J. A. Harrison; 2nd prize, £4, Nurse J. T. Carmichael; 3rd prize, £3, Nurse J. A. Michaelson; 4th prize, £2, Nurse J. Charleson.

Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Sir George Hare Philipson) expressed great regret at the impending departure of the Matron, Miss McCall Anderson.

Lord Armstrong said he greatly regretted the departure of the Matron from Newcastle. She had rendered magnificent services to the institution at a time when zeal, energy, and intelligence were especially necessary in organising their great infirmary in the new pre-

mises. He joined with the other members of the House Committee in wishing her every happiness in her new post, and he was sure she would fill the position with the same satisfaction to those in authority at St. George's Hospital, London, as she had filled her post at Newcastle. He felt she would not have left them were it not that her old hospital had called for her services, and she could not refuse the invitation.

The first public duty undertaken by Mrs. Fawcett, Lady Mayoress of Bradford, since the election of Mr. J. E. Fawcett as Lord Mayor, was the presentation of the Gold and Silver Badges to the nurses at the Royal Infirmary who had obtained the highest number of marks in the recent examination. In the senior section Nurses Redfearn and Howard tied for the gold medal, gaining 87 per cent. of marks, and Nurse Cliff headed the list in the junior section. The Lady Mayoress in presenting the awards said that nursing was a most noble profession. She appreciated very highly indeed the honour of having been asked to present these medals. The Lord Mayor said that the training of nurses was a most admirable work, in which marvellous advancement had been made in recent years.

The Bedford Nursing Division and Sick Diet Guild of the St. John Ambulance Association, of which Mrs. Alfred Paine is Hon. Superintendent, is a Society which is doing admirable work. During the year ending October, 1907, it has lent 93 invalid appliances to 69 patients, which have been much appreciated. The members and hon. members have supplied to the local Queen's Nurses no less than 1,385 gifts of nourishing food, including 32 pints of soup and beef tea, 154 dinners from joints, poultry, and game, 65 dinners of fish, 208 puddings, 25 jellies, 274 pints of milk, Bovril, Benger's Food, and eggs, as well as 80 dinners of game, sent by her Grace the Duchess of Bedford, cooked at Wharfedale, and 496 pints of strong Bovril.

The Bazaar on behalf of the Sick Fund of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation for Trained Nurses proved to be most successful. It was opened on Thursday in last week by Lady Stirling-Maxwell, of Pollok, President of the Co-operation, and continued on Friday and Saturday. The idea of holding the Bazaar originated with the nurses, who secured the co-operation of their Executive Committee. The sum taken in the three days amounted to £4,096 4s. 7d., a result on which the Lady Superintendent, Miss H.

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