

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES.

Mrs. Gurney last week presented the Prizes and Certificates awarded after examination by the Trustees of the late Dr. Heath to nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The successful competitors were:—

Silver Medallist.—Miss Florence E. Roberts.

Prize Winners.—Misses Norah Barugh, Bessie Crookston, Louisa Godtschaik, Hannah Hird, Mary Graham, Harriet Hewson, Catherine Gerry, and Mary Anderson.

Honorary Certificates.—Misses Mary Cairns, Edith Wilson, Eva Black, Mabel Purvis, Mary Macdonald, Elizabeth Calder, Gertrude Barr, Edith Brooks, and Hilda Taylor.

Sick-room Cookery.—Misses Amy Bddy, Edith Brunton, and Jane Howitt.

Sir George Hare Phillipson, who presided, presented an alluminated address to Miss Lucy Walmsley (Matron) on behalf of the House Committee and officials on her resignation.

THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss E. C. Laurence, R.R.C., late Matron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, which took place in London on Wednesday morning last. Miss Laurence was trained at Guy's Hospital, and at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., and gained the Royal Red Cross for her services in the South African War as Matron of the Princess Christian Hospital, Pine Town, Natal. She was also Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Keighley. Miss Laurence, who has been out of health for some time, expressed the desire to end her days under the care of Miss Rowell, whom she had known well at Guy's, and this wish was fulfilled.

Those who have had occasion to receive the ministrations of the nursing staff at the Wolverhampton General Hospital, and many old pupils, will learn with deep and sincere regret of the death at the Hospital of Miss Annie Hannah MacLaren, better known as "Sister MacLaren" and the "Sister Dora of Wolverhampton," who, for a period of over thirty-eight years, was a prominent nurse at the institution.

Miss MacLaren retired from the service of the Hospital two years ago, and some months since became ill; she was admitted to the Hospital as a patient, and passed away after an operation was performed.

Evidence of the appreciation entertained of her was shown a few years ago, when she was presented with a gold watch from colliery employees in the hospital area, and she also received a handsome illuminated address from grateful railway men in the district.

A short time before she retired she was presented with the hospital long service gold medal.

One of her old probationers writes: "Miss MacLaren was the first sister I ever worked under,

when I entered hospital as a very young probationer years ago; and from then, till death, she has been a very true friend. She entered hospital before nursing was organised, and remembered the old ladies (charwomen), coming in for night duty, who used to 'take a drop and sleep very comfortably most of the night.' She saw all that changed; and although she had no lectures, or exams. to pass, she became a thoroughly efficient nurse. But I think her happy nature, cheerful and bright, and her thankfulness for health and sunshine, most impressed those with whom she came in contact; and when she retired less than two years ago, after thirty-eight years' service, her many friends hoped for many years of happiness and quiet usefulness for her in her own home; but it was not to be. She passed to her rest on the 11th inst., and was laid in St. John's Churchyard last Saturday. A true Christian, beloved of many."

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Northumberland Sanatorium for Consumption, Barrasford, North Tyne—Miss Annie Morrison Noble has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, and at the Belvidere Fever Hospital, Glasgow, and is at present Assistant Matron and Home Sister at the Crossley Sanatorium, Kingswood.

Isolation Hospital, Salford.—Miss M. Mackenzie has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, and has held the position of Matron at the Yardley Road Sanatorium, Birmingham, and of Sister at the Salterley Grange Sanatorium, the Brompton Hospital, and the Forster Green Hospital for Consumption, Belfast.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Edmonton Union Training School for Nurses, Upper Edmonton—Miss Anna Ainsworth has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, and is at present Night Superintendent at the Brighton Poor Law Infirmary.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

The Workhouse Infirmary, Evesham.—Miss Frances E. Salter has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained under the Bristol Board of Guardians, and has been Head Nurse at the Penzance Union.

MESSAGE SISTER.

General Hospital Birmingham.—Miss Julia Muriel Duesbury has been appointed Massage Sister. She was trained at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, and has held the positions of Holiday Sister at the General Hospital, Birmingham, Ward Sister at the Grantham Hospital, and Out-Patient and Massage Sister at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. She has recently had experience of private nursing in connection with the Registered Nurses' Society, London.

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