

PRIZES FOR NURSES.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.

The recreation room of the Nurses' Home of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary was well filled on June 24th, on the occasion of the prize-giving to the successful members of the nursing staff. Mrs. George Kerr, convener of the Nursing Committee, in a short address to the nurses present, said they all wanted pleasure; they all needed joy, and the question arose, how could they obtain both? She thought she was right in answering it by saying that the only way was to neglect both. She went on to remark that what was absolutely essential for the efficiency of nurses' work was their ethical idealism, or, in other words, their religion and their point of view. Without that idealism their work would suffer. Lord Provost Inches, who presided, then presented the prizes for excellence in the examinations on the various subjects that have been taught during the year. He said the studies a nurse must undertake were valuable in direct proportion to the way they helped her to practise her art more intelligently and more efficiently. The real essence of nursing was, and always must be, personal service to the sick and helpless, and the ideal training for a nurse was that which fitted her to render the highest and best practical service. The opportunities of a trained nurse had increased of late, and were growing every day. So wide a variety of important work was now offered to her, and so much was required of her, that it would appear she was restricted in her opportunities only by her own personal limitations. Considering the importance of the rôle they had to fill, too much importance could not be paid to the training and education of nurses. To the nurses themselves he would quote an old motto, which was true for them as for others, "Have the tools ready; God will find the work." Lady Susan Gilmour, after short congratulatory addresses had been delivered by Dr. Fleming and Mr. Scot Skirving, moved a vote of thanks to the Lord Provost for presiding, and tea was afterwards served.

The following were the prize winners:—

Hygiene.—Nurse Weatherston, Nurse M. F. Smith.

Materia Medica.—Nurse O'Donoghue, Nurse Sinclair, and Nurse Melrose.

Bandaging.—Nurse Cumming.

Instruments.—Nurse Higgins, Nurse Windeler, and Nurse J. Sinclair.

Surgical Nursing.—Nurse Maitland, Nurse M'Mahon.

Medical Nursing.—Nurse J. Sinclair, Nurse O'Donoghue.

Materia Medica.—Nurse Bradford, Nurse Young and Nurse Bond.

Anatomy and Physiology.—Nurse Peet, Nurse Braid, and Nurse Cumming.

PRESENTATION OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATES AT SHOREDITCH INFIRMARY.

On June 23rd Mr. Sholto Douglas, Chairman of the Shoreditch Board of Guardians, presented to the nurses the certificates of training, gold and silver medals, and other prizes won at the recent examinations by the nurses at the Shoreditch Infirmary.

Miss Dora Deacon received a gold medal and certificate, Miss Bridy Devine a silver medal and certificate. Certificates were also awarded to Nurses Mundie, Auld, Mackay, and Duncan, a first prize to Probationer Elizabeth Wallace (second year), and second prizes to Probationers Catharine Jones (second year), Isabella R. Miller (first year), and Bella Cameron (first year).

Mr. Cooke, Chairman of the Infirmary Committee, referred to the great respect the nurses had for the matron, Miss Inglis.

Miss Inglis was presented with a bouquet from the nurses, and was received with hearty applause on rising to respond. She was glad, she said, to know the nurses had done so well.

APPOINTMENTS.

HOME SISTER.

Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.—Miss M. E. Nelson has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and subsequently had experience of private nursing in connection with its private nursing staff. She has also been Assistant Matron at the Hospital's Convalescent Home at Swanley, and Senior Sister at the Jaffray Hospital, Birmingham.

NIGHT SISTER.

Workhouse Infirmary, Uxbridge.—Miss Beatrice Maud Fawkes has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the North Evington Infirmary, Leicester, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Infirmary, Staines, and of Superintendent Nurse at the Canterbury Infirmary.

WARD SISTER.

Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford.—Miss Georgina Ross has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow.

Seacroft Hospital, Leeds.—Miss Mary Hughes has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, the Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, and the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Newcastle, co. Wicklow.

SISTER.

Isolation Hospital, Crewe.—Miss Rose Stewart has been appointed Sister. She was trained in general nursing at Leeds Union Infirmary, and in fever nursing at the City Hospital, Bradford, and she has held the position of Sister at the City Hospital, Bristol, and at the City Hospital, Nottingham.

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