

vienne" (Paderewski), was, in Dr. Hickox's hands, a musical treat. The clever Lollipop Coons were warmly applauded, and the poetical children's play, "Stella's Fairies," written by Miss G. Smythe and played most delightfully by small children, ought to have a most successful future. Two other plays, "Between the Soup and the Savoury" and "The Case for Eviction," caused much amusement and pleasure, as did the songs and recitations and stories of Mr. Yates, Mr. E. Glossop Such, Mr. Harfield and Mr. Yates, and the dance of Miss Shirley Garner.

Between the plays the medals and prizes won by the nurses in May and November were presented by Lady Carson, to whom a warm welcome was extended by Mr. Lombardini.

The names of the successful candidates were announced by Dr. Potter, the medals presented being awarded in connection with both the May and the November examinations. Dr. Potter stated that the probationer nurses had attended three series of lectures given by the Matron, Dr. Coles, and himself. The examination had been conducted by an outside examiner, Dr. Seymour Taylor. The results were as follows:—

*Gold Medallists.*—(May examination), Nurse Mayhew, since promoted to the position of Chief Sister of the operating theatres. (November examination), Nurse Brady.

*Bronze Medals* were awarded to Nurses Southam, Mason, K. Jones, Blackburn, Marfell, Thacker, Cleary, Banham, Godwin, Cooper, Pratley, Ella Jones, Dawson Morgan, Hart, Quilleash, Mackay, Aubin, Capelli, and Mair Jones. Dr. Coles, who examines the nurses in anatomy and physiology, also gave two prizes to the best candidates, the fortunate recipients being Nurse Tobin (watch), and Nurse Manning (silver purse).

The medals and prizes were then presented to the nurses by Lady Carson, who pinned on the former, and spoke a few words to each nurse.

Then came a little episode unexpected by the Master of the Ceremonies, when Lady Carson presented to Mr. Lombardini a cheque from the Matron and nurses to help him with the expenses of his League.

A cordial vote of thanks to Lady Carson was moved by Miss A. C. Gibson, who said that for thirty years she had been devoted to the cause of Poor Law infirmaries, and her greatest interest in life was to promote their welfare and that of the nurses.

She felt deeply the nobility and responsibility of the calling, and that the exercise of patience and tact required of Poor Law nurses would be of immense value to the newly qualified nurses in their future lives. They already saw what an advantage it was to be trained in an infirmary, and they would feel this more as years went on.

The resolution was seconded by Miss Alsop, who said they were all most grateful to Lady Carson for coming that evening.

In reply, Lady Carson said how very pleased she was to be there. "You," she said, "are so hard-working, and I am so lazy. I am glad to do any little thing I can."

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#### WORD FOR THE WEEK.

A picket frozen on duty;  
A mother starved for her brood;  
Socrates drinking the hemlock;  
The Man upon the Rood.  
And millions, who humble and nameless.  
The straight hard pathway trod,  
Some call it Consecration,  
And others call it God.

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