

City Hospital, Edinburgh.—Gertrude Browne, Elizabeth Christie, Effie D. Clark, Jessie B. Cowie, Innes H. Craigen, Nancy M. Grieve, Isabella S. Henderson, Jean S. Jack, Marjory I. Myles, Margaret W. W. McArthur, Flora McLeod, Isabella S. Rennie, Joan F. H. Rigg, Margaret S. Scott.

King's Cross Hospital, Dundee.—Helen M. Garden.

City Hospital, Aberdeen.—Annie C. Cameron, Beatrice R. Davidson, Dorcas Fraser, Charlotte J. Grant, Annie S. Leith, Helen Mearns, Jessie A. Murdoch, Marion A. McAlpine, Georgina B. Riddell, Nellie L. Weir.

The Papers set at the examination were eminently practical and we congratulate those who passed on gaining their certificates.

PRIZES FOR NURSES.

The nurses' annual prize-giving was held at the Bristol General Hospital, where there was a large gathering of nurses and representatives of the various committees of the institution. Mr. G. A. Wills presided, and several of the speakers referred to the valuable work of the Matron, Miss Densham, and Dr. Albert Sim; and thanks were conveyed to the nursing staff.

The prizes were awarded as follows:—Gold medal, Nurse Ethel Clark; silver medal, Nurse Eleanor Keene. Certificates of efficiency: Nurse Dorothy Morris, Nurse Beatrice Godfrey, Nurse Ethel Panes. The Lottie Culverwell Memorial Prize, given by Mrs. Samuel Hosgood to the best nurse of her year: Nurse Ethel Clark. First prize on an examination on medical nursing: Nurse Clarie Wood; second prize, Nurse Ethel Panes. First prize, surgical nursing, Nurse Ethel Panes; second prize, Nurse Irene North. First prize, physiology, Nurse Eleanor Keene; second prizes, Nurse Winifred Long and Nurse Dorothy Crocker. First prize, anatomy, Nurse Kate Wells; second prize, Nurse Nellie Moody. First prize, practical nursing, Nurse Jessie Franklin; second prize, Nurse Eva Heard.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

A meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses was held at 58, Victoria Street, S.W. 1, last Wednesday Captain Sir Harold Boulton, Bt., C.V.O., C.B.E., being in the chair.

The estimates for the expenditure during the coming year received very careful consideration, as it was realised that the expansion and many developments in connection with health work would involve an increased expenditure, but the Council felt that any retrenchment would be disastrous to the work which the Institute is carrying on for the benefit of the nation.

Most satisfactory progress was reported, more especially when the very great shortage of nurses, caused by the absence of some 600 of the Queen's nurses on war service, is taken into consideration. New districts are being formed in readiness for the hoped-for release of these nurses in the near future.

Special attention was called to the self-sacrificing and devoted work of the Inspectors, Superintendents and nurses during the prevalence of the influenza epidemic, and a resolution was passed expressing the Council's high appreciation for what they had done. The Council heard with the deepest regret of the death of nine of the Queen's nurses as the result of contracting the disease in the discharge of their duties.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Hannah F. Hobbs is appointed to Kingswood as Superintendent; Miss Ida L. Benson to Watford as General Training Sister; Miss Annie M. Stringer to Kilburn.

AN UNPARDONABLE ATTACK.

Sir Henry Burdett, the anti-registration protagonist for a quarter-of-a-century, and now the ardent supporter of the Employers' Registration Bill, drafted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., in opposition to the organized Nurses' Bill, lost his temper badly in his paper, *The Hospital*, last week; and the scurrilous attack made upon Miss Isabel Macdonald, the very popular and greatly respected Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association is going too far, even for the employers' Press. Sir Henry and his anonymous correspondents must be made to realise, either in or outside the Law Courts, that virulent abuse of every trained nurse who dares to hold and express professional opinions distasteful to those advocated in the quack commercial nursing Press, must now stop. Thirty years of such methods would have taught anyone less pachydermatous than Sir Henry Burdett that the more he bullies the less effect results. That is a psychological fact so far as the convinced reformer is concerned. Tyranny, intimidation, insult, persecution—history proves to us that against conviction, courage and truth they are absolutely non-effective.

But we have also learned from the present war the inevitable doom of tyrants.

Sir Henry Burdett, in his thirty years' useless campaign in *The Hospital* and *Nursing Mirror* against the professional co-operation and organization of trained nurses has had scope enough. We advise him, during his declining years to modify the vitriolic ardour of his futile pen. We are tired of his twaddle.

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