

London Nurses Entertain.

THE Staff of St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, entertained the patients, their friends and the Nurses' friends with all the traditional "trimmings" during the Christmas Festival. Among the "trimmings" was one evening devoted to two one-act plays performed by the Nursing Staff and carol singing in which the Nurses and audience took part.

The first play "No Tears for Henry" by J. M. Bannister showed Mrs. Marsden, who had recently become a widow, adjusting herself to her new state by the practical realisation that while Henry was no longer with her many happy memories were left. This part was played with sympathy and sincerity by Marjorie Vasey. Her two daughters Jane and Henrietta feel this "is not the way to treat the dead." Henrietta, a highly nervous and hysterical girl was played with sensitive understanding by Audrey Evans. Jane, the matter-of-fact businesslike girl, was played with effectiveness by Josephine McDaid. A sense of real comedy was brought to bear on the whole picture by the old family maid, Anna, played with easy humour by Isobel Hughes. To complete the proceedings a family friend and medical adviser, Marion Lorne, played quietly and deftly by Lilian White comes to

At the conclusion Sir Allen Daley, K.H.P. (a member of the Board of Governors) proposed a vote of thanks to the Nursing Staff and to the Matron, Miss Cable, who had produced the plays and organised the programme.

Association of Sick Children's Hospital Nurses.

Election of Members of Executive Committee.

ASSOCIATION OF SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NURSES invite members to send names for nomination to replace the following members due to retire from the Executive Committee in April 1950: Miss Lane (*President*), Miss Hall (*Hon. Treasurer*), Miss Chapman (*Hon. Secretary*), Miss Robertson, Miss Leeming, Miss Rockingham, Miss Bullen, Miss Mills.

Miss Lane (*President*), Miss Robertson, Miss Rockingham, Miss Billen, and Miss Mills, have signified their willingness for their names to be put forward for re-election.

Names to be sent to Miss V. Chapman, the Hon. Secretary, Crescent Nursing Home, 10, Clarence Crescent, Windsor, not later than March 1st.



Elizabeth of England with her Maids of Honour.

soothe the hysterical Henrietta and all ends peacefully.

During the interval the Nursing Staff and audience joined together and sang some of the better known carols.

The curtain then rose on a colourful scene when "Mirror to Elizabeth" by T. B. Morris was presented. This short play gives a vivid and energetic picture of Elizabeth towards the end of her reign when, with the news of the victory over the Armada, the joy and relief experienced by the Queen and her Court is overshadowed by the loss of the only brother of one of the Maids of Honour.

Elizabeth of England was given by Irene Tonks in a lively and forceful manner with a true regal bearing, and she was supported by her two senior Maids of Honour who show kindly and devoted service to a well-loved, although somewhat feared, Queen, the parts being sympathetically played by Josephine McDaid and Lilian White. Penelope Wyndham, who suffers the cruel loss of her only brother, was portrayed delicately and with true pathos by Audrey Evans. Elizabeth Trentham, Elizabeth Throckmorton and Mary Howard, the young Maids of Honour, were played with happy exuberance by Patricia Dearlove, Veronica Evans and Doreen Hutton. A page, the bearer of both good and bad news, was carried out in a smart manner by Nellie Bradley.

G.N.C. Standing Committees.

Finance Committee: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Buckley, Miss Calder, Miss Dey, Mr. Diamond, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Jones, Miss Willis.

Registration Committee: Miss Duff Grant, Miss Hillier, Miss Jones, Miss Lane, Miss Monaghan, Miss Pearce, Miss M. J. Smyth, Miss Willis.

Education and Examination Committee: Mr. Barnes, Miss Catnach, Miss Dey, Miss Fish, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Hillier, Miss Holland, Miss Jones, Miss Lane, Miss Pearce, Miss M. J. Smyth, Dame Katherine Watt.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee: Mr. Buckley, Miss Calder, Miss Dey, Mr. Diamond, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Monaghan, Miss Pearce, Miss Willis.

Mental Nursing Committee: Mr. Buckley, Miss Dey, Miss Hillier, Miss Holland, Miss Lane, Dr. Rees Thomas, Dame Katherine Watt, Miss Willis.

General Purposes Committee: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Buckley, Miss Dey, Mr. Diamond, Miss Pearce, Miss Willis.

Uniform Committee: Miss Hillier, Miss Lane, Miss Pearce, Mr. Sayer, Dame Katherine Watt, Miss Willis.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are *ex officio* members.

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