

“Sairey Gamp” a bygone Spirit in Old Wapping.

LEAVING THE DARK, mysterious looking railway station of once famous Wapping, a short walk through quaint alleys, now surprisingly bright and breezy, brought us on December 12th to St. George-in-the-East Hospital, for the Annual Prizegiving of 1951.

Here visitors and friends were warmly welcomed by the assistant matron, Miss M. I. Revill, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., as they were courteously conducted to the spacious Recreation Hall, where the ceremony took place.

From the platform, gay with flowers and plants, Mr. E. Gibson, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the House Committee, declared he felt it was his privilege to preside on this occasion, and in his opening speech welcomed Mrs. A. A. Woodman, M.B.E., the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. W. Humphries) and Mrs. Hastings. He spoke of the improvement that had taken place in the Hospital during the past year, in spite of serious difficulties, and in referring to the

HIGHEST MARKS GAINED IN HOSPITAL FINAL EXAMINATION—INTENSIVE COURSE (Awarded by Mrs. Jaffe)—Mr. John Dawson.

BEST PRACTICAL NURSE OF THE YEAR—INTENSIVE COURSE (Awarded by Mrs. Jaffe)—Mr. Elliott Hughes.

SURGERY AND GYNAECOLOGY (Awarded by Mr. H. Furst)—Miss Magdaline Hughes.

MEDICINE (Awarded by the Stepney Group Hospital Management Committee)—Miss Catherine Cullinane.

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY (Awarded by Dr. J. Duke, Medical Superintendent)—Miss Marte Madeline Frim-audeau.

ALL ROUND PROGRESS SECOND YEAR (Awarded by Ann Burrell)—Miss Jennie Sands.

ALL ROUND PROGRESS FIRST YEAR (Awarded by the Stepney Group Hospital Management Committee)—Miss Marianne Marta Hanna von de Ohe.

PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL—Highest Marks Gained During the Year (Awarded by Mr. A. T. McGregor)—Miss Hiliary Jill Fearn Beazley.



Matron with her happy Prizewinners

financial aspect, stated that under no circumstances whatsoever, would the patients' services be lowered.

In presenting her Annual Report—the Matron, Miss R. Finch, S.R.N., expressed pleasure in welcoming the guests, and emphasised the good work of the staff, which she assured the nurses would grow—but she would like to say, “keep alive your enthusiasm.” During the past year nursing recruits had improved, due, no doubt to the matron's inspiring influence and personality.

Of the progress in the Nursing School, Mr. A. T. McGregor, S.R.N. Tutor, reported that there had been steady improvement in the standard of nursing, 15 nurses who had entered for the State final examination had all been successful in passing. The number of nurses who had successfully passed both parts of their examination in the Preliminary Course, showed an improvement over previous years; which he hoped would be maintained.

The Prizes were then presented by Mrs. Woodman, M.B.E. :—

HOSPITAL FINAL EXAMINATION HIGHEST MARKS (Awarded by Mr. Edward Gibson, M.B.E., J.P.)—Miss Isobella Nancy Williams.

BEST PRACTICAL NURSE OF THE YEAR (Matron's Prize)—Miss Isobella Nancy Williams.

THE FOLLOWING NURSES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING AND HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PASSING THE FINAL STATE EXAMINATION :—

Miss Elizabeth Mary Cashman, Miss Nora Connor, Miss Catharine Cullinane, Miss Margaret Cullinane, Miss Mary Elizabeth Cullen, Miss Annie Priscilla Hayes, Miss Magdaline Hughes, Miss Mollie Bertha Knight, Miss Nora Anne O' Callaghan, Miss Joan Nellie Pickett, Miss Olga Eugenie Smolek, Miss Isobella Nancy Williams.

INTENSIVE COURSE :—

Mr. Stanley Bray, Mr. Robert Evelyn Day, Mr. John Dawson, Mr. Dudley Greatwood, Mr. Elliott Asquith Hughes and Mr. Charles Wagstaff.

Mrs. Woodman in addressing the nurses alluded to the old days of training, when she was a young nurse and received a salary of £5 a year and the working hours were 56-60 hours a week. She considered that “in all these services the dominating feature is not so much how to cure the patient, but to teach them to live a healthy life. That is the important thing today.”

With votes of thanks, beautiful flowers were presented by the nurses to—the Matron, Miss Finch, Mrs. Woodman and to the guests, and a very pleasant ceremony closed with tea and delicious refreshments.

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