

### A Century of Achievement.

OCTOBER 19TH, 1955, opened a very wet autumn day as we wended our way from Kensington to Poplar—a dismal journey!

The Poplar Hospital, London, E.14, was celebrating its centenary, and so we were determined.

Upon arriving at this edifice proudly bearing its scars of battle, the whole atmosphere was changed from one of gloom outside to one of a smiling welcome inside. We felt the air charged with a spirit of goodwill and comradeship.

This was also the occasion when the Right Hon. The Minister of Health had consented to distribute the Prizes to the Nursing Staff. We also learned that the Minister was devoting a great part of his precious time because he had arrived during the morning and had visited the wards of the hospital.

The programme opened with a short speech of welcome to the Minister of Health by the Right Hon. Lord Ritchie of Dundee, Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, who referred to the hospital as having had literally a "blow between the eyes" during the late War.

The Matron, who we are sure played no small part in this successful gathering, presented the report of her department, stressing the need of accommodation for some of the senior staff who had to be non-resident.

The Minister of Health, the Right Hon. Iain Macleod then presented prizes and certificates to the following nurses:—

#### Prizes.

MEDICAL NURSING ... ..	Jean Powell
SURGICAL NURSING ... ..	Joanna McGrath Ingelore Raue Edna Cameron Jean Powell
SICK CHILDREN'S NURSING ... ..	Philomena McArdle
EARS, NOSE AND THROAT NURSING ... ..	Shirley Stopani-Thomson
GYNAECOLOGICAL NURSING ... ..	Alice Lue
GENERAL PRACTICE OF NURSING ... ..	Beryl Uttridge
THEORY OF NURSING ... ..	Shirley Stopani-Thomson
ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY ... ..	Sheila Thompson
PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL ... ..	Winifred Ambler
THE RUSSELL HOWARD PRIZE... ..	Jean Powell
WORK IN THE OPERATING THEATRE ... ..	Daphne Spence
SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DISEASE ... ..	Daphne Daley
MATRON'S PRIZE ... ..	Iris Chapman
"SISTER PEARSON" SILVER BOWL ... ..	May Hoo
Presented each year to the best loved member of the Nursing Staff, in memory of Sister Pearson, a much loved and honoured member of the Poplar Hospital Staff.	
SPORTS ... ..	Else Prior

#### Hospital Certificates.

Beryl K. Uttridge, Marguerite Bell, Violet F. Hayden, Noreen D. McGillicuddy, Joanna C. McGrath, Margaret Hockridge, Mary J. McHugh, Jean L. Powell, Alice Lue, Philomena McArdle, Shirley Stopani-Thomson, May Hoo, O. O. Oke.

After the presentation of Prizes the Minister of Health addressed himself chiefly to the members of the Nursing Staff, emphasising to them that they were at the start of the second century of the hospital's existence and remarking that by a coincidence at the time the hospital was opened Florence Nightingale had succeeded in breaking old traditions and had taken her band of nurses to the Crimea.

At the close of the ceremony, the Minister was presented



The Right Hon. Iain Macleod, M.P., Minister of Health, presenting the "Sister Pearson" Silver Bowl to Miss May Hoo.

with a red rose buttonhole, and the Matron with a bouquet of charming flowers.

A delicious tea was served to the strains of music, by members of the P.L.A. Orchestral Society, and a buzz of happy conversation as old friends met and talked of happy times spent together at the Poplar Hospital.

### The Royal Society of Health.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH has made appointments as Presidents of sections and conferences at its 1956 Health Congress to be held at Blackpool from April 24th - 27th, some of whom are specially interesting to nurses.

<i>Sections and Conference.</i>	<i>President.</i>
Food and Nutrition Section ...	Dr. A. J. Amos, Chairman of Food Group, Society of Chemical Industry.
Maternal and Child Health Section.	Prof. N. B. Capon, Professor of Child Health, University of Liverpool.
Mental Health Section... ..	Dr. Kenneth Soddy, Consulting Physician, University College Hospital, London.
Preventive Medicine Section ...	Prof. C. Fraser Brockington, Professor of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Manchester.
Tropical Hygiene Section ...	Dr. Clement C. Chesterman, O.B.E., former Vice-President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine.
World Health Section ... ..	Sir W. Allen Daley.
Domiciliary Nurses and Midwives Conference.	Miss A. Wood, General Secretary, Royal College of Midwives.
Health Visitors Conference ...	Miss E. Robinson, Chief Nursing Officer, London C.C.
Medical Officers of Health Conference.	Dr. C. F. White, O.B.E., President, Society of Medical Officers of Health.

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