

of a candidate or the admissibility of his or her essay, the decision of the Council of the British Medical Association shall be final.

Should the Council decide that no essay entered is of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.

The essay should be typewritten if possible, but a legibly written manuscript will receive equal consideration. It must be written in the English language, on one side of the paper only, must be unsigned, but have with it a detachable note containing the name and address of the candidate and the category into which he or she falls. Essays which, it is suggested, should consist of 2,000 to 5,000 words, must be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary of the British Medical Association not later than 31st March, 1955.

Preliminary notice of entry for this competition is required and a special form for this purpose is obtainable from the Secretary, British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

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*Secretary.*

British Medical Association House,  
Tavistock Square,  
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November, 1954.

### Stepney Group Annual Fancy Dress Dance.

THE FANCY DRESS DANCE given by the Stepney Group Hospital Management Committee was held at St. George in the East Hospital on Thursday, November 18th.

This event, as always, was a great success. Dancing to Mr. Sidney Lipton's Band was a very great pleasure and the fancy dresses added colour, amusement and ingenuity.

The guests were received by Mrs. B. Hastings, Chairman of the Stepney Group Hospital Management Committee.

The fancy dresses were judged by Mr. Nicholl (Secretary of the North East Regional Hospital Board), Mrs. Nicholl and Mrs. R. Dowding.

The prizes were presented by Mr. Somerville Hastings, M.P., and were awarded to:—

- Sister Coglan—Space Man  
St. George in the East Hospital.
- Staff Nurse L. Reid—Spanish Lady  
St. George in the East Hospital.
- Mr. G. Mountford—Quality Street  
St. George in the East Hospital.
- Mr. A. Simmonds—Skeleton  
St. George in the East Hospital.
- Student N. Moloney—Skeleton  
Mile End Hospital.
- Student N. M. Lynch—Zebra Crossing  
Mile End Hospital.
- Miss F. van Reimer—Harem  
Visitor.
- Mr. M. Craig—Sheik  
Visitor.
- Mr. R. Watts—Income Tax Collector  
Visitor.

One of the high spots of the fancy dress parade was provided by the Sisters of St. George in the East Hospital as "The Belles of St. Trinian's" together with their long-suffering Headmistress in Cap and Gown.

The dance was well attended by staff and their friends from all hospitals within the group.

Much appreciation was shown to the Management Committee for their kindness and generosity in giving everyone such a happy evening.

### Prize-Giving at "The Fountain."

IT GAVE US much pleasure to accept Matron's kind invitation to attend the Fountain Hospital, Tooting Grove, London, on December 14th last for the presentation of Badges, Prizes and Certificates to Student Nurses.

The occasion was honoured by the presence of Miss M. P. Hornsby-Smith, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health.

Mr. S. C. Davies, the Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, guided the proceedings at this most enjoyable function, which opened with the presentation of bouquets of flowers to Miss Hornsby-Smith and the Matron, and a buttonhole to Mr. Hubbard, the Tutor.

Miss E. A. Bell, the Matron, gave a most encouraging report on the year's working.

Miss M. P. Hornsby-Smith, M.P., presented prizes to the following Nurses, with a word of congratulation to each.

#### Completion of Training

Staff Nurse Cermakova—Hospital Certificate and Badge.  
Student Nurse Spooner—Hospital Certificate.

The Florence Murray Memorial Prize each year awarded to the Nurse who has throughout her training maintained a high standard of theoretical and practical work—Staff Nurse Cermakova.

#### Hospital Management Committee Prize to Preliminary Students

Student Nurse Braae, S.	Student Nurse Morris, A.
" " Clarke, D.	" " Rausch, M.
" " Cooper, G.	" " Reid, N.
" " De Cruz G.	" " Shadbolt, J.
" " Edwards, S.	" " Toulon, P.
" " Gayle, L.	" " Van Renesse, N.

#### Matron's Prize

For the Nursing Assistant who has performed her duties particularly well—N/A. Bishop, M.

Miss Hornsby-Smith then addressed the Nurses, saying that she had presented prizes to Nurses of no less than nine different nationalities working there.

She spoke of the satisfying work that Mental Nursing provides, and was pleased that recruits had come forward in sufficient numbers for training at "The Fountain."

Dr. J. T. Hilliard, the Physician-Superintendent, brought a very pleasant function to a close.

### Nursing Echoes.

The visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to the United States of America and Canada, is acclaimed a triumph on both sides of the Atlantic from the moment Her Majesty left our shores, to the day of London's joyous "welcome home" to their beloved Queen Mother on November 25.

A triumph, which proves once again, what the nations owe to the genius of Her Majesty in bringing a more human relationship between crown and subjects and friendship with nations.

In her deep understanding and wide knowledge of peoples, underlying Her Majesty's bewitching charm, we salute our great Royal Lady, our country's triumphant representative, as an inspirer of friendships between nations, for which words cannot express the debt of gratitude that is owing to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE announces the election of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Feversham and Sir Alexander Fleming, F.R.S., as Vice-Presidents Emeriti of the Institute.

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