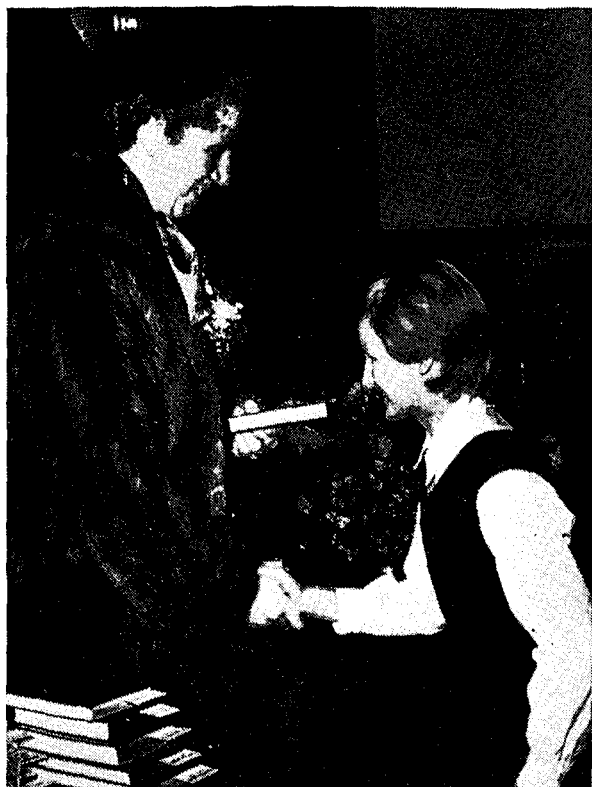


Back to School!



Miss G. M. Hardy, S.R.N., D.N., F.B.C.N., presenting prizes at her old School.

WHAT MIXED THOUGHTS flit through our minds when, after an interval of a number of years we return to our seat of learning!

Sometimes we return to a function or celebration and wonder how out of date the present scholars consider us, but rarely do we go as guest of honour or to present prizes to our successors!

Such a pleasure fell recently to Miss G. M. Hardy when she was invited to go back to Newland High School, Kingston-upon-Hull and present the prizes to the successful junior scholars.

In her address to the School, Miss Hardy warned the girls that the career that offers the most gold is not always the best one to choose, for money alone does not bring happiness. She appealed to the girls to give serious consideration to the noble and rewarding occupation of nursing when it was their turn to step forth into the untrodden paths of the future, to which she added her good wishes for their success.

Her first pleasure was to present a copy of her "Nursing as a Career and Livelihood," specially bound in calf to the Headmistress of the School, Miss A. Wright, M.Sc., after which she had the happy task of presenting the rest of the prizes to the girls assembled.

Miss Hardy also presented a copy of her book to the school library which, we hear, is very much in demand.

Miss Hardy was for some years the Matron of the Battersea General Hospital, London. She has also travelled to the United States of America, once as the Bedford Fenwick Scholar to the International Council of Nurses Congress in Atlantic City, and later in a search for knowledge and nursing conditions in hospitals there. She is at present Matron of the Western Hospital, Fulham, London.

Miss Hardy has two other books to her credit, "Yes, Matron" and "Nursing and Treatment of Acute Arterial Polomyelitis."

Infectious Hospitals Matrons' and Nurses' Association.

AN EXECUTIVE MEETING of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' and Nurses' Association, by the kind invitation of the Matron, Miss I. Gregory, S.R.N., R.F.N., was held at Claypods Hospital, South Ealing, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, November 27th, 1954.

The President, Miss A. A. Ward, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss A. S. Bryson, Hon. Treasurer; Miss E. J. Cook, Matron, Isolation Hospital, Haine, Ramsgate, Kent; Miss M. W. Harris, S.R.N., R.F.N., Matron, Haymeads Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.; Miss M. Phillips, S.R.N., R.F.N., Matron, Monsall Hospital, Manchester; Miss S. A. Ramsay, S.R.N., R.F.N., Matron, Coppetts Wood Hospital, Muswell Hill; Miss G. Sharpe, S.R.N.; and Miss I. Gregory, who has kindly consented to act as Honorary Secretary for the present. Regrets for absence were received from Miss L. Withers and Miss Beatrice West. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising Out of the Minutes.

The President expressed great satisfaction on the fact that all the recommendations sent from the meetings of the Association concerning the syllabus for Fever Training had been adopted by the Minister of Health.

The Report of the Committee on the Internal Administration of Hospitals was considered and it was agreed that the section concerning the Matron's position be referred to the next meeting for further discussion.

Also the "Report by the Standing Nursing Advisory Committee on the Position of the State Enrolled Assistant Nurse within the National Health Service" would be considered at the next meeting of the Association to be held on Saturday, February 5th, at 2.30 p.m. by the kind invitation of Miss G. Sharpe, at 38, Talgarth Mansions, Baron's Court, London, W.14.

The meeting then terminated.

The members adjourned to the Matron's Sitting Room where a dainty tea was heartily enjoyed, and our Hostess's voluntary help very gratefully appreciated.

Book Reviews.

American Nursing History and Interpretation.*

By Mary Roberts, R.N.

THIS WONDERFUL HISTORY of American Nursing could have been written by none other than the famous Mary Roberts, R.N., who has for so many years been active in practically all phases of American nursing and who is a well-known authority on international nursing matters also. The book gives wide scope for her very special type of literary genius, which is at once classic; historic; profound in knowledge and scholarship; accurate in detail and altogether delightful, and in parts humorous.

The History gives ample evidence of yeoman's work, for much sifting of details and diligent reading of old papers and manuscripts must have made the effort of collecting material almost super-humanly difficult. Yet the result is apparently an effortless chronological and interesting story of American nursing from the middle of the last century through the years to 1952. It is presented as if Miss Roberts stood back in time and slowly turned for us the pages of her country's nursing history, year by year, revealing to us everything of moment that contributed to the growth and expansion of the great profession of nursing in America.

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