

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES.

Mr. Morgan Thomas presided at the meeting of the Cardiff Mental Hospital Committee on Thursday, 27th ult., when Sisters Beatrice Tayler, Elsie Drew, and Beatrice Jenkins, Nurse Kate M'Govern, Attendants Sidney Miller, D. G. Williams, George Fluck, and Edgar Francis were presented with the Medico-Psychological Association's medals (silver) and certificates, having successfully passed the qualifying examinations.

In making the presentations and congratulating the successful candidates, the Chairman said the Medical Superintendent (Dr. Goodall) made a point of encouraging all his staff to pass this examination, with the result that they got the best class of nurses and attendants possible, besides adding to the reputation of the institution. The benefit was also felt by the patients in receiving better and more intelligent treatment, and the ratepayers stood to gain by quicker and more sound cures, with early discharge of patients chargeable to the rates.

PRESENTATIONS.

Miss Bremner, who has been for a number of years Matron of the Nairn Hospital, N.B., has been presented with a handsome solid silver tea service on the occasion of her resignation. Mr. J. S. Robertson, Chairman of the Directors, presided, and in presenting the gift in the name of the medical officers and directors, referred to the excellent work done by Miss Bremner during her connection with the hospital, and wished her every happiness in her future life.

At the opening ceremony of Aberfeldy's new Cottage Hospital, which has been built at a cost of £2,300, Lady Breadalbane performed a very interesting ceremony—the presentation to Miss MacLeod, the Matron of the Hospital, of a handsome writing table and a purse of sovereigns subscribed “by friends and patients in gratitude and appreciation of her twenty years' devoted and untiring service as Matron of the Cottage Hospital.” In a graceful speech Lady Breadalbane remarked that they all knew the enormous and valuable work performed by the nursing profession, and now in almost every district of the United Kingdom they would find those excellent ladies doing good service. Miss MacLeod had discharged her duties with tact, kindness, and helpfulness.

THE PASSING BELL.

We record with sorrow the death from septicaemia poisoning of Miss Gertrude Annie Talbot, a young probationer at the Northwich Infirmary, where she has only been working since last March. Some weeks ago she acted as assistant during the nursing of an accident case in which poisoning had set in, and probably removed the soiled bandages. About a week afterwards she found she had a little sore in her thumb. She sterilised a needle, pricked it, and used antiseptic dressing. Septicaemia supervened. Everything medical science could do was done to save life, but all remedies failed. Her loss is deeply deplored by all her fellow workers.

Nursing Echoes.



We have received several letters from nurses interested in the formation of an Elizabeth Fry League, with the object of improving the nursing in prisons. Mrs. L. M. St. John, R.R.C., the Hon. Treasurer of the Penal Reform League, writes that she is in sympathy with our suggestion that the Matrons of prisons should be trained nurses. The general object of her excellent society is “To interest the public in the right treatment of criminals; and to promote effective measures for their cure and rehabilitation, and for the prevention of crime.” The fifth item in its programme provides “For better selection and training of staff, and general raising of their status and ideals.” Perhaps, if this Society, which has such work in hand, organised a meeting to discuss how to carry out effectively Clause No. 5 on their present programme, some beneficent progress might be made.

The Nurses' International Club, 8, Porchester Square, W., last week received an informal visit from the Duchess of Marlborough, who inspected the whole building from the top storey to the basement. Her Grace expressed herself as delighted with the arrangements of the Club.

At a meeting of the Carmarthen District Nursing Association, at which the Mayor (Ald. Walter Lloyd) was in the chair, Dr. Bowen Jones, Medical Officer of Health for the borough, stated that an agreement with a view to co-operation ought to be entered into between the nursing association and the midwives. Infant mortality was too high. In the colliery district it might be explained by the conditions of life there, but it ought not to exist in the rural districts. The great cause was a want of knowledge in the matter of the feeding and clothing of infants. Children were being dressed up in a ridiculous number of garments. He would like to see a prize offered at the National Eisteddfod for the best set of clothes for a baby.

At Friday's meeting of the Chichester Board of Guardians the Chairman read a letter from Probationary Nurse Knaggs, who stated that she should not think of wasting three years at the institution. There was no training what-

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