

RECOGNITION FOR MISS RICHARDSON.

At the last meeting of the Board of Management of the London Temperance Hospital, the following address framed and illuminated was presented to the Matron, Miss Richardson, in recognition of her having completed twenty-one years in the service of the Hospital.

"The Board of Management of the London Temperance Hospital, calling to mind the fact that Miss A. J. Richardson, the highly esteemed Matron, celebrated on Saturday, September 28th, 1912, the twenty-first anniversary of her entry into the service of the Hospital, desire to convey to her their high appreciation of the devotion, loyalty, and sacrifice by which, during this lengthy period, her work has been unfailingly distinguished.

"Entering the Hospital as a probationer, September 22nd, 1891, Miss Richardson has since filled the various offices of Staff Nurse, Sister, and was finally appointed Matron November 1st, 1901.

"Whatever her task, that she has carried out with a diligence and devotion that has ennobled her labour and transformed simple routine into an expression of tenderness and solicitude.

"The felicitous interpretation of duty has been extended not only to the sick and suffering entrusted to her care, but has also found a further opportunity for exercise among those who have been trained by her in the womanly and noble profession of Nursing, amongst whom her wise and kindly influence will long be felt and the traditions that she has established long remain a beneficial inspiration.

"Miss Richardson's relations with the Board of Management have been of the happiest and the members heartily join in wishing her many years of continued happy and useful service in the sphere which she has chosen for her life work, and which she so fully adorns.

"(Signed) T. VEZEY STRONG,
Chairman."

THE GOLD MEDAL, ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.

An interesting ceremony took place in the Board Room, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when the Gold Medal, awarded to the nurse who had passed first in the examination held after three years' training, was presented to the recipient, Nurse B. M. Reed. The presentation was made by the Master of the Cordwainers' Company (Mr. J. H. Williams), who stated it was a matter of gratification that, after a lapse of many years, the Board of the Hospital had decided to re-institute the competition for this honourable distinction; and that it was the privilege of the Cordwainers' Company to provide the Medal. The association of the Hospital and the Company dated back for many years, to the time when Dr. William Marsden, who founded the Hospital in 1828, was a Master of the Company, in 1845;

and, as a successor to that office, the present Master welcomed the opportunity for bringing the philanthropic interests of his Company again into close association with the care of the sick poor by the Nursing Staff of the Royal Free Hospital.

Mr. Langton, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Master of the Company for this renewal of interest recalled the fact that the last occasion when a Gold Medal had been presented was in 1898, the recipient at the time being Nurse Soal, who was subsequently selected to nurse Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, in her last illness, a privilege and honour the Royal Free Hospital would always have on record.

The vote of thanks having been seconded by Dr. Sainsbury, and warmly accorded, Mr. Langton presented to Nurse Fanny Drewitt a set of books awarded to her by the Weekly Board, by virtue of her attainment to the first place in the junior examination of probationer nurses. Those present at this interesting function included Mr. C. W. Mander (Clerk to the Company), Mr. Alfred Langton (Chairman of the Weekly Board), Dr. Sainsbury, Dr. Carr, Dr. Branson, Mr. Berry, F.R.C.S., Mr. Willmott Evans, F.R.C.S., Mr. Holroyd Chaplin, Mr. Phipson, Mr. Bright, Mr. Joll, F.R.C.S. (Senior Resident Medical Officer), Miss Cox Davies (Matron), and Mr. Reginald R. Garratt (Secretary).

PRESENTATIONS.

Before leaving the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, to take up her new work as Matron of the Auckland Hospital, New Zealand, Miss Orr was the recipient of many charming gifts. The Committee presented a gold bracelet watch, the Sisters a travelling rug, hold-all, and electric lamp, the Nurses a silver tea-service, and an album containing the names of the donors, the senior maids and porters a silver-mounted smelling-salts bottle and a serviette ring, and the dispensers pieces of silver, in addition to many other presents from those connected with the hospital, and personal friends. Miss Orr sailed on the "Athenic" last Saturday, and hopes to reach Auckland by New Year.

Miss Ellen S. Hallam, the Lady Superintendent of the New Brighton Convalescent Home, Cheshire, who is resigning the position after sixteen years' service, was last week presented with a cheque for £100 and a sapphire and diamond ring by the Ladies' and Gentlemen's Committees of the Institution and numerous other friends in recognition of her most efficient services. The Rev. F. Tilney Stonex, M.A., president, was in the chair, and the gifts were presented by Mrs. North, who cordially wished Miss Hallam every happiness in the future. Miss Hallam, in expressing her thanks, spoke appreciatively of the sympathy and support she had always received from the officers and committees.

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