

appointed Sister. She was trained in the same institution and has held the position of Sister there. She has also been Sister at the Lady Forrester Trust Hospital, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, and Matron of the Maryborough Sanatorium.

#### HEALTH VISITOR.

**Somerset County Council, Weston-super-Mare.**—Miss Elizabeth Owen has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Camberwell Infirmary, and has been Head Nurse at the Carnarvon Union Infirmary, and has also worked at the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, E.C.

#### ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon:—Miss Beatrice Isabel Jones, Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday in last week a very pretty wedding took place in the chapel of the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, the bride and bridegroom being Miss Alberta Brooke Jordan, Senior Sister in the Institution, and Dr. Robert M'Cowan Hill, a former House Surgeon.

#### PRIZES.

The presentation of prizes to successful nurses by Lady Beaumont took place last week at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, at which Sir Edward Wood presided, and the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. McCall) were present. Sir Edward Wood, in opening the proceedings, explained that the main prize was a gold medal. It was the second year it had been given, and he was glad to know it was the means of stimulating to nurses in their work.

The Matron, Miss Vincent, read the report of the examiner, Miss P. A. Blake, late of St. Thomas' Hospital, London, Matron of Hereford General Hospital, which stated that the average work was excellent. Mr. Blakesley reported that the surgical section has done exceedingly well, and Dr. Crosby expressed surprise at the excellence of the papers in anatomy and physiology received from the second year nurses. The educational work of the nurses was quite a big thing, for which the Infirmary held a high reputation in the nursing world. Dr. Sevistre was medical examiner.

The prize-winners were as follows:—*Gold Medal*, Nurse A. E. Hone. *Second Year Prizes*, Nurse M. D. Hunter and Nurse E. Horton. *First Year Prize*, Nurse E. N. Shaw. *Final Examination Certificates*, Nurses A. E. Hone (three first class), C. A. Bates (two first and one second class), L. May (one first and two thirds), I. E. Soisby (two first and one third), E. B. Ford (two seconds and one third), A. M. Davies (three second class), S. C. Wilkinson (one first and two thirds), E. A. Denton (one second and two thirds), D. A. Willey (one second and two thirds), M. Z. Browitt (three thirds).

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Workhouse Nursing Association, of which H.R.H. Princess Christian is the President, recently submitted an important memorandum to the Poor Law Orders Committee, suggesting amendments to several of the provisions of the Poor Law Institutions draft Order now under the consideration of the Committee, which in the opinion of the Association would, if adopted, be retrograde rather than progressive, as regards nursing administration in rural workhouse infirmaries and sick wards.

On the 4th instant, the Hon. Mrs. John Talbot, a Vice-President of the Association and Chairman of the Executive Committee, together with Miss Gibson (late Matron of Birmingham Infirmary), Mr. Henry Dixon Kimber (the Hon. Legal Adviser to the Association), and Miss R. V. Gill (the Secretary), had a long interview with the Poor Law Orders Committee, as representatives of the Association, in order to emphasise and explain more fully the views of the Workhouse Nursing Association on the seriousness of their objections to several matters to which attention had been drawn in the memorandum, and to urge the importance of giving effect to certain alterations in the proposed Order which were recommended by the Association.

We are asked to state that the total number of Sisters, Nurses, and probationers on the staff of the Ranyard Nurses is 90. The newly opened Dispensary in the Borough of Deptford to which a Ranyard Nurse has been appointed is a Tuberculosis Dispensary. It was the first Municipal Dispensary of the kind in London and promises to be exceedingly useful.

A Meeting of the National Union of Trained Nurses was held in Lewes recently, with the object of forming a Branch of the Union in Lewes, Miss Thurstan, Central Secretary, addressed the Meeting and explained the aims and methods of the Union in a comprehensive and interesting manner. Miss Butler (Superintendent S.C.N.A.), who occupied the Chair, spoke on the possibility of a Branch for Lewes which would lay the foundation of the Union in Sussex. On a resolution being put to the meeting it was unanimously decided that a Branch of the N.U.T.N. be formed to forward the interests of Nursing in the County. All those present were enrolled and a Committee was elected. As this is the only Branch of the Union in the County it is confidently expected that the Membership will speedily increase until

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