

present, including some nurses not yet members, who were anxious to hear the address on State Registration.

Dr. Mary Morris was in the chair, and in a few well-chosen words introduced Miss Musson, Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, who gave a most excellent address on the State Registration of Trained Nurses, which was listened to with great interest. Some discussion followed, and many questions were asked and were answered by Miss Musson.

At a business meeting of members held later it was decided to send a donation to the funds of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses as a tangible proof of appreciation of Miss Musson's most instructive address and also of the work of the Society.

Tea was served and was much enjoyed; also some excellent music. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Hon. Mrs. Mostyn for so hospitably entertaining the Bath Branch of the N.U.T.N., to Miss Musson for her admirable address, and to Dr. Mary Morris for taking the chair. The Secretary reported that by the kind invitation of Miss Herne (Matron), the next meeting of the Bath Branch would be held on the last Wednesday in June at Winsley Sanatorium.

On April 27th a meeting of the N.U.T.N. was held at George's Café, Weston-super-Mare, when Dr. Marsden gave a most interesting and instructive lecture to the Local Branch. Mrs. Herring presided, and the meeting was well attended by both Members and Associates. The subject of the lecture was Digestion and Indigestion. Dr. Marsden divided his lecture as follows:—

(1) An account of the system and working of the digestive organs.

(2) The intimate connection between digestion and general health, the mischievous effects of a disordered digestion, and the diseases of which it is frequently the precursor.

(3) The most common ways in which digestion is abused and the extremely grave effects which such abuses often produce.

(4) An analysis of the treatment necessary for the various kinds of digestive trouble.

At the conclusion of the lecture Mrs. Gibbs proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Marsden on behalf of those present, and tea was then served.

### TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

#### Good Taste.

SUPERINTENDENT: "Well, nurse, and what did you enjoy most at the Nursing Exhibition?"

NURSE (unhesitatingly): "Horlick's Malted Milk."

#### Humours of Midwifery.

NURSE (to new student who is going): "Excuse me, sir, but have you forgotten the placenta?"

MEDICAL STUDENT: "Awfully sorry; I'll bring it to-morrow."

### METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

#### EXAMINATION OF NURSES.

The following is the list of successful candidates at the April examination held by the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Four staff nurses, 29 probationers, 12 assistant nurses (Class I), and 16 assistant nurses (Class II.) entered for the examination, and 3 staff nurses, 21 probationers, 11 assistant nurses (Class I.) and 13 assistant nurses (Class II.) passed. Both the gold and the silver medallists obtained 87 per cent. of full marks, and there was only one mark between the two, Miss Young obtaining 523 and Miss Freeman 522 out of a possible 600.

The letters after each name indicate the hospital in which the nurse or probationer is working, *i.e.*, Eastern, North Western, North Eastern, Western, Brook, Grove, South Western, South Eastern:—

*Staff Nurses.*—B. R. Cole, E.; M. M. Spencer, N.W.; J. Esplin, N.W.

*Probationers.*—Gold Medal, F. C. Young, N.E.; Silver Medal, A. E. Freeman, W.; M. J. Jones, W. M. Clift, N.E. and H. F. Wells, B.; R. M. Darling, N.W.; M. Roberts, W.; A. L. M. Fraser, G.; S. B. Jones, W.; M. J. Stewart, E. J. M. Stewart, N.W.; R. E. A. Craddock, S. W.; and E. Martin, S.W.; F. G. Jones, N.E.; M. F. Thomas, N.E.; B. E. Roberts, E.; A. E. Benner, N.W.; B. M. Aspland, B.; A. Farrall, B., R. Reeds, S.W.; A. H. Jones, N.W.

*Assistant Nurses (Class II.)*—E. Bedford, N.E.; R. Polus, B.; K. Larkin, N.W.; A. Griffin, N.E.; A. Whittaker, N.E.; C. R. Jackson, W.; W. A. Clayton, G.; G. Shields, G.; M. Murch, N.W.; H. Staunton, G.; C. Mason, N.E.; M. A. Rossiter, N.E.; G. P. Davis, N.E.

*Assistant Nurses (Class I.)*—J. Birch, B.; M. E. Nolan, B.; E. Jeffs, B.; M. Anderson, B.; A. J. Dewar, B.; M. North, E.; B. Ede, E.; L. E. Pullman, E.; E. Hogman, E.; L. K. Watson, N.W.; M. Garner, S.E.

### THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss A. A. Zahn, Superintendent Nurse of the South Shields Union Infirmary, who passed away on the 25th ult. after a somewhat protracted illness. Miss Zahn, who had held the position for over seven years, endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact, and her devotion to duty and care for the patients and staff were the admiration of all. Her loss is greatly regretted by both Guardians and officers, and especially by the staff of thirty nurses under her direction, and the patients under her care. The interment took place at Harton Cemetery on April 28th, an impressive service being first held at the Nurses' Home conducted by the Rev. J. Gill (Chairman of the Board) and the Rev. J. Robson, in whose parish the Infirmary is situated. There were a large number of mourners—relatives, friends, officers and guardians; and the majority of the nursing staff, in uniform, were present at the cemetery.

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