

The Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava presided at the eighteenth annual meeting of the Bangor District Nursing Society recently held in the Dufferin Hall, Bangor.

In presenting the President's report, Lady Dufferin said that the work of the Society had now been carried on for nineteen years, and during all that time the nurses had done their utmost to relieve suffering, and had, without exception, gained the confidence of the poor patients of the place. That alone should be a sufficient appeal for subscriptions. But she pointed out further that now that most people were better informed with regard to hygienic conditions than they were twenty years ago they were better able to appreciate the value of a nurse in all those cases where surgical cleanliness, disinfection, &c., were needed as preventive measures. They understood better the necessity for employing fully trained nurses when they realized how much might depend on their ability to carry out the doctor's orders intelligently. She pleaded for the support of every householder in Bangor on the dual ground of the comfort of the poor, and the very real help given to them, and the benefit which district nursing was to the community.

The Special Committee of Ladies of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, of which Her Majesty the Queen is President, have undertaken to supply Christmas presents for the patients in the St. John Brigade Hospital in France, and, if possible, in all the hospitals at Havre, as was done last year from St. John's Gate.

The Sub-Commissioner at Havre, in expressing his gratitude for so kind an offer of help, points out that the undertaking will be rather a big one, as the probable number of patients in Havre at Christmas will be 1,500. He mentions the following gifts as most suitable:—Christmas-tree decorations (old and new), crackers, tobacco pouches, pocket knives, vanity cases, pencil cases, drinking cups, pipe lighters, pipes, housewives, pocket books, soap boxes, razors, small packs of cards, chocolate boxes. It is hoped to dispatch the gifts early in December.

THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Mrs. Sarah Arthur, a nurse well known to many of our readers as one of the early members of the British Nurses' Association, and one who was imbued with strong professional feeling. Mrs. Arthur died on the 12th inst. at the home of her youngest daughter at Slough, and her funeral took place at Slough Parish Church on Tuesday last.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD (HOSPITALS DEPARTMENT).

EXAMINATION OF NURSES, OCTOBER, 1915.

Seven staff nurses, thirty-four probationers, and four assistant nurses entered for Class I of the examination of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, held in October last for nurses in the Board's Fever Hospitals, and six staff nurses, twenty-four probationers, and the four assistant nurses passed the examination.

Twenty-two assistant nurses entered for the examination in Class II, and of these fourteen passed.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

CLASS I.

Staff Nurses.—C. McElroy and H. J. Watson (Eastern Hospital), D. A. E. Pope (Park Hospital), G. J. Dane, H. E. Knapp, and L. Elphick (South Western Hospital).

Assistant Nurses.—A. Matthews (P.), C. Knight (P.), M. Kidd (P.), A. Cole (P.)

Probationers.—E. Hewitt (Western), Gold Medal; C. A. Lachlan (North Eastern), Silver Medal; A. K. Ellis (North Eastern), Bronze Medal; D. P. Fenn (E.), M. M. Toddie (N.W.), J. S. Duncan (S.W.), A. F. Trist (N.E.), M. M. Whybrow (N.W.), R. Ireland (E.), H. G. Turnbull (S.W.), M. E. Cox (N.W.), D. F. Knightley (S.W.), M. Roberts (N.E.), C. M. Bloodworth (S.W.), N. M. Pritchard (E.), M. T. Cullen (N.E.), L. Davison (S.W.), A. I. C. Robertson (S.E.), E. Baldrey (N.E.), I. Croft (S.W.), A. Cowles (G.), G. Stanford (N.E.), E. McHugh (S.E.), M. Meredyth (S.E.)

CLASS II.

Assistant Nurses.—M. Downs (W.), D. David (G.), J. M. Gross (N.E.), E. L. Brooke (S.E.), L. Cammogh (N.W.), E. M. Flannery (G.), D. E. Miles (N.E.), I. M. Scatchard (N.E.), M. A. Marsh (N.E.), E. Moran (G.), A. North (G.), M. E. Harris (G.), D. M. Gill (G.), E. E. Jackson (N.E.)

WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage of Sister Joan Edith Burr and Mr. Russell William Davies took place at Shorne, on Wednesday, 17th inst. Sister Burr was trained at the London Homoeopathic Hospital, where she worked for nearly seven years and has been a member of the Staff of the Registered Nurses' Society since 1910. After so many years' good work in the nursing profession her colleagues very sincerely wish her every happiness in her married life. Mr. and Mrs. Davies will reside at Gillingham, Kent.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with thanks the following donations: Mrs. Tuckett, £1 is.; Miss Lucy C. Cooper, 5s.

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