

arrived at the Infirmary, and was received by the Chaplain, who presented the Matron, Miss Alsop, the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Potter, and the Chairman of the Infirmary, Miss Wilde; Sister Yates presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The Chaplain then briefly welcomed the Princess, and the Matron, Miss Alsop, presented the following report:—

THE MATRON'S REPORT.

Miss Alsop said:—

“May it please Your Royal Highness.

Kensington Infirmary was one of the first training schools in London to be recognised by the Local Government Board. Since 1890 upwards of 300 nurses have been trained here, gaining a three years' certificate in medical, surgical, and general nursing. There is also a midwifery ward, where nurses may go in their fourth year to gain experience in this special branch of work and qualify for the certificate of the Central Midwives Board. The Medical Superintendent here is a recognised teacher.

In the year 1913 the Nurses' League was formed, a journal published, and the League badge and colours inaugurated. The Matron had long wished for something which would keep the nurses more in touch with their training school. This idea was taken up and quickly carried out by the Chaplain, and with the permission of our Committee, the first Annual Reunion took place on January 6th, 1914.

Nurses came from all parts of the country, and everyone agreed it was the greatest success. The first badges were given on this occasion.

The School has grown considerably since 1890, and in the last eight years a Home Sister has been appointed and eight extra probationers, bringing the nursing staff up to a total of 83. Since the war started upwards of 60 members of our League have volunteered for war service, and are now nursing in many countries. A great number are members of Queen Alexandra's I.M.N.S. Reserve, several have joined the French Flag Nursing Corps, and others the Territorial Nursing Service.”

The Princess then presented badges and prizes to the members of the Nurses' League who had gained them during the past year, pinning on the badge in each instance. The qualifications of the nurses were announced by Dr. Potter.

Gold Badge.—Sister Yates, “the best all-round nurse” taking into consideration ward work, general reports, and the Matron's report.

Bronze Badges.—Sister Lockhart, Sister

Adames, and Nurses Oakley, Page, West, James, Lucas, Powell.

Gardening Prizes.—Small plots are cultivated by the Sisters and nurses, and the League gives a prize for the two best each year. The first prize—a photo frame—was won by Nurse Kibble; the second, a handbag, by Sister Wharton.

Anatomy and Physiology.—Two prizes are given by Dr. Coles, the first Assistant Medical Officer, for the nurses doing best in his examination. Nurse George and Nurse Webb were bracketed equal, and each received a wristlet watch; and Nurse Reynolds, who was second, received a book.

After presenting these the Princess descended from the platform, and remained for some time an interested spectator of the entertainment.

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Liverpool (Alderman and Mrs. Mather) entertained last week nurses from the Liverpool hospitals at the Town Hall. There were over 800 present at the reception, and a similar number on the following evening. The large suite of rooms was very charmingly decorated; all the flowers were white, thus harmonizing with the white caps and aprons. The nurses, who came exclusively from the hospitals, were announced by name, and each personally welcomed by the Lady Mayoress, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A very satisfactory report was presented to the North Bierley Guardians at a recent meeting by Dr. Heard on a recent examination of three nurses in the Union Infirmary who had just completed their three years' training. Dr. Heard reported that all three passed a somewhat stiff examination most creditably, and, in the opinion of a leading Bradford doctor, had displayed a remarkable degree of knowledge. Dr. Heard was of opinion that they had done great credit to themselves, to the resident medical officer, Dr. Cunliffe, and to the Superintendent Nurse, Miss Hare. The members of the Committee expressed their satisfaction with the report.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Miss French, Secretary of the Orthopaedic Hospital, Dublin, has been appointed Secretary to the Irish Nurses' Association, in succession to Mrs. Jeffers, whose resignation, for private reasons, will be much regretted. We extend to her successor the best wishes of this Journal for a happy and successful term of office.

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