

WEDDING BELLS.

Nurses have done many wonderful things during the present war, but we only know of one who has married a millionaire, and therefore, though the wedding of Sir William James Thomas of Brynawel, Ynyshir, and Miss Maud Mary Cooper, till recently Assistant (and Deputy) Matron at King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 11th, was a very quiet one, it created a great deal of interest, and a number of their friends—including Colonel Cook and Mr. Cyrus Evans, Secretary, of the Welsh Hospital, Netley, and Sister Hughes, Assistant Matron of the 3rd Western General Hospital, Cardiff—travelled up to town to be present at the ceremony.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Isaiah Roberts, of Newport, an old friend of the bridegroom. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of powder blue cloth, braided in silver with a square collar of chiffon, the skirt being pleated. Her hat was in the same tone, with silvery veil. Grey shoes and stockings completed the costume. The bride carried a lovely bouquet of white heather and lilies, which she subsequently sent to the William James Thomas Ward at the Cardiff Hospital.

The board of management of the Hospital sent a telegram to Sir William James Thomas and Lady Thomas expressing sincere wishes for many years' happiness.

The following telegram, in Welsh, was also sent on behalf of the patients of the Sir William James Thomas Ward of the Hospital:—"Y mae y cleifion yn Adran William James Thomas yn cofio heddyw am danoch gyda diolchgarwch gwresog ac yn dymuno bendith Duw ar eich priodas." ("The patients in the Sir William James Thomas Ward think of you to-day with warm gratitude and pray for God's blessing on your marriage.")

Sir William and Lady Thomas are spending their honeymoon on the South Coast.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

There was a highly interesting gathering at the Islington Infirmary, Highgate Hill, on Wednesday, 11th inst. when the tenth annual distribution of prizes to probationer nurses took place.

Mr. Andrews (vice-chairman of the Board and chairman of the Visiting Committee) presided, and amongst those present were the Medical Superintendent, the Matron, Miss A. E. Little, and a large number of the Nursing Staff.

The following were prize winners, and the recipients were warmly acclaimed:—

"Smalley" Prize.—1, Lillian Pomeroy; 2, Edith Alice Mills; 3, Edith Guard Storry.

"Leonard Marshall" Prize.—1, Margaret Kilby; 2, Mary Costello; 3, Mary Bredin.

Medical Superintendent's Prize.—Alice Elizabeth James.

Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, K.C.V.O., delivered an address, in which he recorded his debt in his early professional days to nurses, whose example he commended to those present. Votes of thanks were gracefully proposed and appreciated.

These public functions add greatly to the pleasure of recipients of prizes.



SIR W. JAMES AND LADY THOMAS LEAVING THE CHURCH AFTER THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

Women are to be admitted on the Board of Management of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, but must wait till next February until they are eligible. We sympathise with the remarks at the annual meeting of Alderman Barnett Marks who wanted to see women on the Board as quickly as possible. It is time women took an active share in administering all charitable institutions. Hospital Boards are as reactionary on this question as were the early nineteenth-century Bishops about other social reforms.

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