

The medals awarded by the Board to the Probationers gaining the first three places in these examinations were won on this occasion by the following nurses:—*Gold medal*: Probationer N. F. Barnes, North-Eastern Fever Hospital. *Silver medal*: Probationer Lily Hollidge, Park Fever Hospital. *Bronze medal*: Probationer D. I. Pizzey, Park Fever Hospital.

THE WESTERN INFIRMARY, GLASGOW.

PRIZE-GIVING TO NURSES.

At the Annual Christmas Meeting at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, held on December 27th, Colonel J. A. Roxburgh, recently appointed Chairman of the Board of Managers in succession to Lord Glenarthur, addressed the nurses and staff. He referred to the long tenure of office of Colonel D. J. Macintosh, C.B., M.V.O., as Medical Superintendent, and paid a high tribute to the work of the Matron, Miss Gregory Smith, R.R.C. Colonel Roxburgh said they were very proud of the number of nurses and masseuses who had qualified during the year. The public, he feared, did not know the amount of work done in the infirmary other than curing sick folk, and they did not realise the importance to the whole community in the training of doctors and nurses in the large teaching hospitals in the country.

Prizes and medals were presented to the nurses by Lady Glenarthur, who said that the honours won reflected on the training school as well as on the winners. She specially congratulated Nurse Effie Robertson, who gained four awards, including the Florence Nightingale Medal of the Western Infirmary and the Dr. John Morton Medal. She referred appreciatively to the war record of the nurses.

THE PASSING BELL.

The Friends' Relief Committee announces the death from typhus of Miss Mary B. Pattison, a trained nurse and relief worker attached to the Committee's Russian Unit.

In October she nursed a fellow-member of the unit who had fallen a victim to typhus, and was herself stricken with the disease about a month ago. She was moved to the Kremlin Hospital at Moscow, where she was attended by Dr. Reginald Farrar, medical adviser to Dr. Nansen. Tragically enough the news of Dr. Farrar's own death from typhus was received immediately after that relating to Miss Pattison.

The funeral took place in Moscow on Monday.

Miss Pattison had rendered devoted service to the cause of relief, through long association with Friends' work in France and Russia. From July, 1916, to November, 1918, she served in Buzuluk and Bogdenovka (Samara Province), where a Friends' unit was engaged among refugees. On September 26th she arrived at Moscow, en route to the scene of her former activities, having again volunteered her services for the assistance of the suffering people of Russia.

Dr. Reginald Farrar was well known to many nurses as Sir William Savory's house-surgeon at Bart's in the eighties. He was a charming man with artistic Bohemian characteristics, and all through his subsequent career was devoted to the poor and needy. He died in their service.

Dr. Roux has made an interesting communication to the Academy of Medicine in Paris on the prophylactic use of bismuth in the treatment of syphilis.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

H.R.H. Prince Henry, who is President of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, 234, Gt. Portland Street, W., is inviting donations in its support.

The hospital has 200 beds, but all are full, and there are 1,000 children on the waiting list. In the out-patients' department, the attendances now exceed 80,000 a year. There is a pressing need for more accommodation and a bigger staff, but no money to provide them.

On a country hill-top near London is a Convalescent Home, at present empty and useless for want of funds. In the streets and by-ways of the great city are little cripples with twisted limbs whose childhood is darkened by helplessness and pain.

That empty home is the key to the situation. It has been acquired on favourable terms by the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, but at present, through lack of funds, it cannot be opened to the one hundred children whom it should accommodate. And that means the refusal of treatment to as many little cripples who might otherwise be made straight and strong.

The Financial Secretary of King's College Hospital states that the total debt of the hospital is now £100,000, and by keeping open and in use 400 beds at least £1,000 a week is being added to that debt. Therefore to avert worse disaster 160 beds are being closed. The Committee are appealing for an additional £80,000 a year in order that they may not be closed indefinitely, as not only will the sick poor suffer but the training of doctors and nurses will be seriously hindered.

Sir Squire Bancroft has endowed a bed in the Chelsea Hospital for Women in memory of the late Lady Bancroft.

Mr. J. A. Cowper, who has been Assistant Secretary of the Royal Northern Hospital (formerly the Great Northern Central Hospital) since 1914, has been appointed Secretary of the Royal Hospital for Children, Liverpool, and takes up his duties at the end of the month.

CENTRAL POOR LAW CONFERENCE.

The Central Poor Law Conference, at which the Duke of Devonshire will preside, will this year be held at the Guildhall on February 14th. It will be opened by the Lord Mayor, and will be attended by Delegates from all parts of England. Sir Alfred Mond, Bart., P.C., M.P., Minister of Health, has promised to speak on the opening day. Amongst the papers to be presented on the following day (February 15th) is one by Mrs. Eustace H. Lipscomb (St. Albans) on "The Use of Poor Law Hospitals and the Training of Nurses," which is sure to arouse discussion.

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