

EXAMINATIONS.

The April Examinations of Probationers at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., took place on the 19th and 22nd ult., respectively. The results are as follows:—

THIRD YEAR PROBATIONERS.

Miss Watkin (*Gold Medallist*), Misses Watson, Brinton, Paterson, Rogers, Holmes, J. W. Wood, Mack, Court, Burns, Longney, B. Robertson, Dinnis, Bere, Barker, Burwash, A. M. Smith, A. King, Nicolson, Titchener, Biddulph, A. Knibbs, Llewelyn, *Francis, *F. D. Smith, Bell, Pape, Mason.

FIRST YEAR PROBATIONERS.

*Misses Lofts and *Randall (*Clothworkers' Prize of Books*), Misses Coleman, Lines, Mackay, Davidson, *E. Bunn, *F. Hughes, Hunt, Lytle, S. Evans, Brewer, C. Morrison, Nevins, Wheal, *F. Brown, *M. Gray, G. Dalton, Storey, O'Shea, Railton, E. Jones, W. Bunn, H. Sharp, *E. L. Hughes, *Trewby, B. Mays, Nicolle, Mackenzie, Lowry.

* Equal.

PRIZES AND MEDALS.

The stately Board Room at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, was crowded on Wednesday, April 26th, on the occasion of the Annual Distribution of Prizes and Medals to the fourth year Nurses who had passed their final examinations and qualified for a certificate of efficiency.

Among those present were Mr. James Macfarlane, Chairman of the Board of Managers; Mr. James S. Craig, Convener of the House Committee; Lady Dunlop, Mrs. Balmain, Mr. McGhie, Mr. Stewart Gaston, Mr. W. A. Campbell, Ex-Bailie Alexander Kennedy, Dr. James Adams, Dr. John Henderson, Members of the Board of Management; Mr. A. N. McGregor, Surgeon; Dr. Maxtone Thom, Superintendent; Mr. R. Morrison Smith, Secretary; Miss Donaldson, Matron.

Forty Nurses entered for the Final Examination during the week beginning March 20th, and the Written and Oral Examinations continued throughout the week. Forty Nurses passed. The results were highly satisfactory.

Gold Medallist .. Nurse Gertrude Sloan.
Silver Medallist .. Nurse Agnes Kinloch.
Bronze Medallist .. Nurse Kathleen Burns.

Prize Winners.

Medicine Nurse Gertrude Sloan (Prize presented by Dr. John Henderson).
Surgery Nurse Agnes Kinloch (Prize presented by Mr. A. N. McGregor).
Practical Nursing .. Nurse Gertrude Sloan (Prize presented by Matron).

Dr. James Adams, as Examiner, stated that the standard reached this year was a very high one, not only was he impressed by the amount of information and knowledge displayed by the candidates, but also by the intelligent bearing and professional demeanour of the Nurses.

In presenting the prizes and medals, Mr. James Macfarlane said that he congratulated not only the Nurses but their teachers and he sincerely hoped that the Nurses would always keep in touch with their Training School and endeavour to uphold the high ideals of their great profession which had been put before them during their four years' tuition. It was exceedingly desirable at this time to attract to their

great Training School, with its splendid traditions, women not only of high moral character, but of ability and intelligence and that would be effected principally through the Nurses themselves when they went out into the world.

Nurse Gertrude Sloan, Senior Graduate, in a most felicitous little speech, expressed on behalf of her colleagues the appreciation felt by them for the splendid opportunities of training provided by the Managers of the Royal Infirmary and for all that had been done for them by the Professors who lectured to them, by the Matron (and they would wish not to forget their late Matron, Miss Melrose), and by the Sisters who had so patiently and efficiently trained them in the Wards. It was their earnest desire to keep in close touch with their Training School and to prove a real influence in the profession after they left by upholding the ideals which had been so persistently instilled into them.

IN MEMORIAM.

On April 12th, 1922, at Cairo, there passed from us one whose work should earn him the gratitude of all nurses. To Arthur Bacot, entomologist of the Lister Institute, belongs the honour of laying down his life as a sacrifice on the altar of scientific research. His work on the relation between rats and plague is bearing fruit in the organised campaigns against rats with which the public are familiar. On the Yellow Fever Commission his researches were invaluable and are dealt with in his Report dated 1916. His study of lice, during the war, revealed the fact that these parasites convey not only typhus but trench fever. The War Office gave tardy recognition to this when it instituted the cleansing of all verminous soldiers.

In 1920, when working with the American Red Cross for their investigation of typhus in Poland, Bacot contracted trench fever from the lice with which he worked. He recovered, and during 1921 and 1922, he continued his work on the virus of typhus in lice. He and a colleague from the Lister Institute were "lent" to the Egyptian Government, and it was in the course of this work that they both contracted typhus. It is hoped that his colleague will recover, but Arthur Bacot, weakened by his previous illness and advancing years, passed on.

Although possessing none of the conventional medical degrees Bacot was one of the great pioneers in medical science. Even as Louis Pasteur was scorned for years because he was "unqualified," so Arthur Bacot had to fight to win recognition for his brilliant work. To such men we nurses offer our respectful homage.

G. FIRTH SCOTT.

LONDON BIRDS.

A little owl, sound slumbering in a tree,
Once woke and whispered secrets strange to me
Of a city slashed with silver streets
Of light, that marred once-loved retreats.
He told me it was always day,
With lamps, that drove him blind away,
And that its traffic thundered far
Like waves upon some harbour bar.
But when I went, the seagulls there
Haunted the Bridge and stirred the Strand
With wings, and in Trafalgar Square
Pigeons and sparrows ate from out my hand.

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