

nation held in practical nursing at the Hospital, I may describe the work as good." In conclusion the examiner stated: "The work compares favourably with the first examinations held at other training schools, and I have not the least doubt will much improve when the spirit of competition is aroused, as is always the case in an examination of this sort."

Miss Merriman commented on this by stating she was confident the nurses would try to prove the correctness of Miss Ashdown's statement. The results of the massage examinations were more encouraging this year. All the entrants passed except one, who failed in anatomy only. Two nurses who had recently left this Training School had since passed the examination of the Central Midwives Board.

The Matron gave the best results in the various examinations as follow:—In surgical nursing, Nurse F. Ford 83 per cent. and Nurse F. Buckman 82 per cent.; in medical nursing, Nurse Bell 79 per cent. and Nurses F. Buckman and Barlas 75 per cent.; in practical nursing, Nurse Humfress 75 per cent. and Nurse Chadwick 74 per cent.; in the Junior Nurses' Class, Nurse Delaney 89 per cent. and Nurse Bennett 88 per cent.

Miss Merriman spoke to the nurses of their new Nurses' Home—the addition to Norton House, which was now in the course of erection, and congratulated them that a donation of £40 had been handed over to the nurses as a result of the amount received from the opening of the tennis court. In conclusion she quoted the words of Archdeacon Holmes as a motto for the nurses—

"Upon the well-doing of each
Depends the well-being of the whole."

She felt confident that this, put into practice, would ensure all that they hoped and looked for in their training school.

The Chairman then presented the prizes and medals, and in doing so stated that the gold and silver medals were competitive, and were won by marks gained on the first two examinations, plus the marks awarded for three years' work in the wards. The awards were as follows:—Gold medal, Nurse Humfress; silver medal, Nurse Thomas; bronze medals, Nurse Barber, Nurse Ebdon, and Nurse Jay.

The Matron's prize is won by the candidate who, in the Matron's opinion, is the best all-round nurse. This prize went to Nurse Humfress.

We feel sure the nurses trained and prepared at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital will, in the future, prove excellent candidates when examined by the General Nursing Council for the Certificate qualifying them for State Registration.

LEAGUE NEWS.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.

The Council of the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, at their meeting on Saturday, September 2nd, wishing to emphasize the importance of practical work, decided to give an annual prize to the nurse who had obtained the greatest number of marks for practical nursing during the whole of her training.

The prize will be a handsome travelling clock engraved with a suitable inscription.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRÓN.

Bath Eye Infirmary.—Miss Isabel Chaplin has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, after previous three years' experience at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital. Miss I. Chaplin has subsequently held the following appointments: Out-patients' Ward, and Theatre Sister, Bradford Eye and Ear Hospital; Ophthalmic Sister, King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff; and Matron, Weymouth and Dorset County Eye Hospital.

HOME SISTER.

Princess Mary's Hospital for Children, Cliftonville, Margate.—Miss R. Rankin has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and has held the position of Sister at Victoria Park Hospital, E., and at Princess Mary's Hospital for Children, Margate, and of Staff Nurse in the Territorial Force Nursing Service.

SISTER.

London Homeopathic Hospital, W.C.—Miss Grace E. Simmons has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, and has been Sister at the Central London Throat, Nose, and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich.—Miss F. Gough has been appointed Sister of the Ear, Nose and Throat Wards. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, where she held the positions of Ward and Outpatient Sister, and at the Samaritan Hospital for Women.

THEATRE SISTER.

Royal Portsmouth Hospital, Portsmouth.—Miss M. Betts has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Adelia M. Lansdown is appointed to Dorset C.N.A., as Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Ellen Allison to Stocksbridge; Miss Grace M. Dann to Reigate; Miss Dorothy M. Lodge to Central St. Pancras; Miss Mary McCann to Widnes; Miss Jean Martindale to Burneside; Miss Mary C. Neary to Harrogate.

THE PASSING BELL.

A NOTABLE HOSPITAL OFFICIAL.

I record with very sincere regret the death of Mr. W. H. Cross, J.P., who has died at the ripe old age of 87, and who was for all the best working years of his life, Clerk to the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., for a period of thirty-nine years, a position from which he retired in 1905. Mr. Cross was a very exceptional personality, a keen business man, of most tactful and generous disposition. He lived within the gates of the ancient foundation in Smithfield in great domestic happiness surrounded (together with his charming wife) by a quiverful of nine happy handsome children, several of whom became associated with the work of the hospital, in its clerical, medical and nursing departments.

Mr. Cross was Clerk when I was appointed Matron and Superintendent of Nursing of the Hospital in 1881, and we worked together in the utmost harmony for upwards of six years. His fatherly advice was always at my disposal, but I owe him an everlasting debt of gratitude that he never on any occasion damped down the aspirations of an ardent spirit, but with extraordinary kindness supported sugges-

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