

## COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

BIRMINGHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CENTRE.

The Sister-Tutor Scholarship offered by this Centre has not been allocated, as there were no entries. The two Midwifery Scholarships, value £25 each, were awarded as follows: First Scholarship, successful candidate, Miss Parsons, trained at North Staffordshire Infirmary; second Scholarship, Miss Byrne, trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham. Both candidates at the time of the award were working within the Three Counties.

A house, with immediate possession, suitable for club premises, has been purchased, No. 166, Hagley Road, Birmingham. It is on a tram route and is easily accessible from the city.

A series of three lectures on "Psycho-Analysis," by Dr. Potts, will be given shortly.

G. M. JONES, *Hon. Press Sec.*

## UP-TO-DATE TEACHING AT THE BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.

### MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Congratulations to Miss Jessie Davies, Matron and the Teachers of Nursing at the Bradford Royal Infirmary. They evidently are not of those who fear the Syllabus of Training approved by the General Nursing Council. It is rumoured they have gone "one better!"

The first results under the new scheme of the Bradford Royal Infirmary for the Examination of Nurses were announced on October 6th, when the Lord Mayor (Mr. Thomas Blythe) attended at the institution to present Medals and Certificates.

The examination tests have been brought up fully to the State examination level, and the verdict of the examiner, Dr. Messer, was that all would have passed for the State Certificate. Nurse Thomson well earned the Gold Medal and Certificate with no fewer than 90.4 marks. Nurse Sanderson was the Silver Medallist, with 85.3 marks, and winners of the Bronze Medals were: Nurse Horner (84.4), Nurse Wood (83), who also secured a special prize for practical nursing work, and Nurse Aspden (75.8). Certificates also went to Nurses Gidleigh, Senior, Sutcliffe, and Griffiths.

Mr. G. E. Priestman, who presided, outlined the extensive curriculum, followed in the training of nurses.

The Lord Mayor congratulated the winners, and described the function as one of the nicest he had attended throughout his Mayoral year. He had not conceived, he said, the slightest idea that nurses had to undergo so much training. It must be an exceedingly pleasant thing for all the nurses to find they could make such progress to efficiency in the duties they had adopted as their life's sphere of labour.

It must also be encouraging to them to know that after they had achieved certain ends by careful, strenuous, and self-denying studies, their success was recognised. Their work had the human ideal attached to it, and he knew from his own experience in that institution of the kindness extended there in the hour of need by the nurses of that institution.

On the motion of the Rev. Graham Swann, seconded by Mr. H. Gill, the Lord Mayor was heartily thanked, and the seconder mentioned, in reply to a question, that the nurses were to be put on the eight-hour day basis when the funds permitted.

## STATEMENT REGARDING TRAINING OF NURSES AT BRADFORD.

During the last two years it has been necessary to make certain changes in regard to the lectures given to nurses and to the examinations, in order to meet the requirements of the General Nursing Council appointed under the Nurses' Registration Act.

This Council in 1920 issued a draft syllabus of lectures and demonstrations for the education and training of nurses. The training and lectures are now arranged in accordance with this syllabus.

The first two months of training are spent in the Preliminary School at Field House.

During this period several of the subjects in the syllabus for the first year of training are taught.

The pupils are under the care and supervision of a sister-tutor and are instructed in: 1. Elementary hygiene, sanitation, bacteriology. 2. Anatomy and physiology. 3. First aid, including bandaging. 4. Food values and invalid cookery. 5. Theory and practice of nursing.

On completion of the course an examination is held and pupils who are successful are passed into the wards for one month's trial. At the end of that period they sign an agreement to remain for three years' training.

The syllabus for the first eighteen months includes a course of lectures on: 1. Anatomy; 2. Physiology; 3. Nursing.

Examinations are held and the successful nurses then enter for the senior course of lectures on: 1. Surgery and gynaecology; 2. Medicine; 3. Nursing. Followed in each case by examination.

Both the junior and final nursing examinations are conducted by an outside examiner.

Throughout the training the nurses are assisted, and supervised in their studies by the sister-tutor.

An examination certificate is given to nurses who have passed in all subjects in which they have been examined.

A gold medal is awarded to the nurse who obtains the highest total number of marks and a silver medal to the nurse who obtains the second highest number of marks throughout training.

In order to qualify for the gold or silver medal the percentage of marks must not be less than 80 per cent of the total obtainable.

Bronze medals are awarded to all nurses who obtain not less than 75 per cent. of the aggregate marks, and a certificate of merit to those who obtain 65 per cent.

On completion of full term of three years the nurse receives a certificate of training.

This year the Nurses' League has offered a prize to the nurse who has obtained the highest number of marks for practical nursing.

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BRADFORD.

Under the City of Bradford Education Committee arrangements have been made at the Belle Vue Branch Technical and Commercial School for a class in elementary science, to meet the examination requirements of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Fee for course: 7s. 6d.

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