

THE RANYARD MISSION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The 66th birthday of the Ranyard Mission was celebrated at the Annual Meeting held at Westminster Central Hall (Small) on Friday, June 1st, 1923.

The staff mission workers and nurses sat on the right and left of the hall, and the central part was well filled by friends and supporters. It was an enthusiastic gathering. The Bishop of Woolwich was in the chair, and at the close spoke warmly of the magnificent work that is being done in London through steady, persistent home visiting. The speakers were:—

The Lady Sydenham, Miss Irene Hett (Hon. Secretary Ranyard Mission), J. Prescott Hedley, Esq., F.R.C.S. (St. Thomas' Hospital), the Rev. Cyril C. B. Bardsley, D.D., and the Rev. Ivor J. Robertson, D.D.

Dr. Bardsley gave six reasons why the Ranyard Mission should be supported, and spoke with deep appreciation of the training given and the care shown for members of the staff when at work.

Dr. Hedley referred to the hospitals' appreciation of the co-operation of the district, and spoke warmly of the spirit in which the work is carried out by Ranyard nurses. He also expressed thanks for the privilege of sending patients to the Mission's Convalescent Home.

The chief feature of the meeting was the presentation of £345, the proceeds of a sale-of-work arranged entirely by the mission workers and nursing staff at the Lambeth Baths before Easter, followed by a supplementary sale of the surplus goods held at Catford. This was presented by the senior mission worker, who had been on the staff for 42 years, and the senior nurse, who had been on the staff for 31 years. The wonderful total shows how much work must have been put in the preparation, and is a token of the keen sense of fellowship uniting the whole staff of the mission.

Following the meeting, the staff and friends met for tea, while the London Diocesan Bandette played.

Throughout the meeting urgent appeals were made for more financial support, in order that the work of the 72 mission workers and 85 nurses may not only be maintained, but the work increased and developed.

We greatly regret to note in the annual report the death of Miss Harriet Barton, trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and for 27 years a Sister in the Mission, after a few days' illness, from pneumonia.

EXAMINATION OF NURSES.**SCOTTISH BOARD OF HEALTH.**

On May 1st and subsequent days, the Scottish Board of Health held an examination for the certification of trained General nurses and of trained Fever nurses. Four hundred and eight candidates in all presented themselves for examination—333 for the First Part Examination and 105 for the Final Examination. The examination was held at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen. The examiners were Dr. Robertson, Medical Officer of Health, Edinburgh; Dr. Johnston, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; Dr. Ker, City Hospital, Edinburgh; and Dr. Richard, Southern General Hospital, Govan, Glasgow; who were assisted in the practical part of the examination by Miss Merchant Matron of Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; and by Miss Clark, Matron of King's Cross Hospital, Dundee.

Forty-seven candidates have now completed the examination in General Nursing, and 53 in Fever Nursing, and, subject to the completion of three years' training in Hospital to the satisfaction of the Scottish Board of Health, are entitled to the certificate of efficiency granted by the Board.

APPOINTMENTS.**MATRON.**

Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.—Miss A. M. Bishop, S.R.N., L.L.A., St. Andrews, has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and in midwifery at the Women's Hospital, Brighton. Miss Bishop has held the following positions:—Sister-Tutor, King's College Hospital; Home Sister, Night Sister, Sister of Medical and Surgical Wards, Sister X-Ray Department, and Theatre Sister in the Territorial Force Nursing Service; Sister at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, and at the North-Eastern Fever Hospital.

Miss Bishop was registered at the earliest possible opportunity on September 30th, 1921, and is No. 57 on the State Register of Nurses.

General Hospital and Poor Law Infirmary, Jersey.—Miss H. G. Millar, R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and in Fever Nursing at Bradford. She has been Sister-in-Charge and Matron in Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Mental Hospital, Sunderland.—Miss Margaret Middlemass has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, afterwards holding the position of Out-Patient Sister there. She worked with the Scottish Women's Hospital Unit in France and Corsica during the war, and afterwards at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar. She is a Certified Midwife and holds the certificate of the Apothecaries Hall.

Essex County Hospital, Colchester.—Miss Halls has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained in the same Institution, where she has been Sister and Theatre Sister. She has also been Staff Midwife at the General Lying-In Hospital, S.E. She holds the Massage Certificate of the National Hospital, W.C., and is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER.

Essex County Hospital, Colchester.—Miss Ireland has been appointed Sister of a Medical Ward. She was trained in the same Institution, and has been Staff Nurse at the National Hospital, Queen Square. She holds the Certificate of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Edith Stewart, Theatre Sister at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, for many years, which took place in that institution, where she was held in great esteem.

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