

PRIZE-GIVING AT ST. MARYLEBONE HOSPITAL.

On Friday, July 19th, the Right Hon. Sir Douglas McGarel Hogg, K.C., M.P., presented the Gold Medal and prizes to the successful probationers, and gave an address to the nursing staff. The Mayor of Marylebone, Mr. Morris (Chairman of the Board), and Captain Dean, returned thanks. On the platform were Lady McGarel Hogg, Miss Broadbent (Chairman of the Hospital Visiting Committee), Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Piggott, Dr. Charles Porter, Medical Officer of Health for Marylebone, Dr. Adeline Roberts, Mr. M. C. Walshe, J.P., the Matron and the Medical Superintendent.

The nursing staff invited their friends and a large number of old Marylebonians, trained during the last 35 years, came from different parts of England for the occasion, many of the married ones bringing their children.

Unfortunately, the tea prepared in the garden had to be brought in quickly at 3 o'clock by a staff of porters and maids and re-arranged in the board room, front hall and corridor by the Assistant Matrons while prize-giving was going on. Possibly it was hardly noticeable to anyone but the Matron, whose anxiety was rather great during the distribution of the prizes, but soon found all was well in the capable hands of Miss Balls and Miss Gosly. They only remarked that they never remembered such a short prize-giving before, in spite of its lasting about 50 minutes.

The nursing staff ended up the day with a dance and some of the old nurses and friends were able to stay to the finish.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

THE GOLD MEDAL, presented by the Board to the best all-round nurse of the year, was won by NURSE PLACE.

OCTOBER, 1922.

NURSE PLACE also gained the First Prize in Practical Nursing, presented by the Matron, the Prize for the best Essay on "Economy as Applied to Hospital Nursing and Administration," the First Prize in Medical Nursing presented by Dr. Hope Gosse, and the First Prize in Surgical Nursing presented by the Hospital Visiting Committee.

NURSE PLACE and NURSE ANDREWS won the First Prize (a tie) in Anatomy and Physiology, presented by the Medical Superintendent.

THE FIRST PRIZE FOR BANDAGING, presented by Dr. Elliott Browne, was won by NURSE PAGE.

FIRST PRIZE FOR THE BEST SET OF CHARTS, with clinical records, presented by the Medical Superintendent, NURSE ANDREWS.

JUNIOR NURSES' PRIZE IN PRACTICAL NURSING, presented by the Matron, NURSE MCINTYRE.

CERTIFICATES OF SPECIAL MERIT.

Nurse Andrews, Nurse Crowter, Nurse A. Smith.

APRIL, 1923.

NURSE M. H. THOMAS carried off the First Prize in Anatomy and Physiology, the First Prize in Medical Nursing, the First Prize in Surgical Nursing, and the First Prize in Practical Nursing.

FIRST PRIZE FOR BANDAGING: NURSE DAVIES.
SECOND PRIZE (presented by the Matron): NURSE WRAMPLING.

JUNIOR PRACTICAL NURSING PRIZE, 1st year nurses (presented by the Matron): NURSE BESSENT.

CERTIFICATES OF SPECIAL MERIT.

Nurse Martin, Nurse Bishop, Nurse Mees, Nurse Wilkin, Nurse E. Watkin Davies.

LEAGUE NEWS.

VICTORIA AND BOURNEMOUTH NURSES' LEAGUE.

Miss Christina Forrest, founder of the above League, writes in the current issue of its *News* :—

"I think you may like to hear that I have been able to go away once more; not for anything very exciting, but still 'away'."

"This is the very quietest and most 'country' place you can imagine, set down on the English side of the Welsh mountains which are like the sea—a never ending change of scene—and I think almost as fascinating to watch."

"If I can fix it up I think I am going to Malvern, which is 18 miles from here, with another of my sisters before coming back to Bournemouth."

"With my best wishes to the League, and hopes that I may welcome you once more to meet our dear Mrs. Balstone when she returns."

REUNION OF BETHNAL GREEN HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

A most enjoyable Reunion of the members of the Nurses' League of above hospital took place on July 4th.

Many nurses trained in 1903, and since, attended to renew old hospital friendships.

A service was held in the hospital Chapel, and an address given by Canon Dodds, Matron's brother. The text chosen was, "A merry heart is a good medicine" (Proverbs xvii, 22).

A delicious tea was served in the garden in most glorious weather.

After tea a beautiful platinum, sapphire and diamond pendant was presented to Miss Dodds to commemorate the occasion of her twentieth anniversary as Matron.

The presentation was made on behalf of past and present nurses by Sister Vernon, who has been twenty years Sister at the hospital.

The Nurses' Dramatic Society gave a variety entertainment, including a short sketch, which was greatly appreciated by all.

After supper there was dancing in the Nurses' Recreation Room until 10 o'clock, when the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close one of the happiest days in the memory of the hospital.

Matron received many telegrams and letters of congratulation from former nurses—some abroad and others at home who were unavoidably absent—which have afforded her much pleasure and to which she hopes to reply individually.

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