

The thanks of the Union are due to: The Solicitor, for business carried through for the Union. The Medical Men and Women who have kindly given advice, and particularly to the Eye Specialist. The Dentists, Opticians, &c., for special terms. The Managers of Theatres for seats at various performances, and many others who have assisted with advice and expert knowledge.

MAUDE E. MACCALLUM, S.R.N.,
Hon. Secretary.

GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Guy's Hospital Nurses League Dinner and Annual Meeting, which, this year, took place on May 15th, is always a very pleasant function. The dinner tables presided over by Sisters in their neat, blue uniforms, looked charming, decorated with yellow irises of which Covent Garden had been despoiled that morning. The dainty menu cards were the work of the Nursing Staff.

Sir H. Cosmo O. Bonsor presided at the head table, and afterwards at the Annual Meeting, when the Matron, and Hon. Secretary of the League, presented a very satisfactory report on the year's work, and the financial statement which showed a balance in hand of £126 18s. 5d., the greater part of which, she notified, would have to be spent on redecorating and cleaning the cottage.

The League has lost by death, during the past year, no less than seven past members, and two associate members, Miss Sarah Ann Silverwood, Mrs. Rita Biddle, Miss Edith Grace Wallis, Mrs. Augusta M. Wood, Miss Marjorie Burton, Miss E. A. Nurse, Miss Maggie Roberts, Miss Marjorie Nicholson and Miss Evelyn M. Shelley.

Sir Cosmo Bonsor then presented the medals and prizes for the year 1924.

MEDALS AND PRIZES FOR THE YEAR 1924.

The Butterworth Medal.—The Butterworth Medal, instituted by Joshua W. Butterworth in 1889, is awarded to all Nurses of Guy's Hospital who shall have completed 5 years' continuous satisfactory service at the said Hospital:—Sisters Edith M. Bodkin, Evelyn M. Cawthorne, Alice E. Cornwall, Evelyn M. Elliott, Mary E. Jameson, Frances L. Mutimer, Amy T. Samuel and Florence J. Smith.

Cazenove Medal.—The Cazenove Gold Medal awarded to the Nurse who shall have obtained the highest aggregate percentage of marks in all the Examinations held during 1923 and 1924:—Nurse Gladys Ireland and Nurse Norah M. Kersley (equal).

The Keogh Prize.—The Keogh Prize, consisting of Surgical Instruments, awarded to the Nurse obtaining the highest number of marks in the Surgical Examinations:—Nurse Mary C. Isaac.

The Morrison Prizes.—The Morrison Prize, Medical Books awarded to the Nurse obtaining the highest number of marks in the Examinations in Medicine and Nursing subjects. Nurse Gladys I. Bloomfield, Nurse Phyllis M. Carden.

The Governors' Prizes.—The Governors' Prizes, Medical Books, awarded to Probationers obtaining the highest number of marks in the two Junior Examinations held during the year:—Nurse Phyllis M. Carden, Nurse Muriel E. Alchin.

Sir Cosmo thanked the League and Nursing Staff most warmly for the £2,343 raised in connection with the Bicentenary fund and said he hardly knew how to thank them. Begging was not a pleasant occupation, but they were absolute champions. He gave some amusing reminiscences of the past, and in conclusion congratulated those present on their Registration Act and their cottage, and said that without any doubt nurses belonged to the most popular profession in the United Kingdom.

The meeting concluded by the enthusiastic singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and the guests then dispersed, many to view the displays of beautiful needlework and photographs, the work of the members.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, was unable to pay a visit to the Isle of Wight before sailing for South Africa in March, but he will open the nurses' home of that institution as soon as possible after returning from his present tour.

His Royal Highness The Duke of York, K.G., K.T., G.C.V.O., has graciously consented to accept the Honorary Presidentship of the Thirty-sixth Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, to be held at Edinburgh from July 20th to July 25th, at which the Right Hon. Sir John Gilmour, Bart., D.S.O., M.P., Secretary for Scotland, will preside, and deliver the Inaugural Address. A Health Exhibition is held in connection with the Congress.

The appeal of the Governors of the Middlesex Hospital, supported by Prince Arthur of Connaught, for £500,000 to rebuild the hospital, is meeting with a generous response, nearly £400,000 being promised at the inaugural meeting. The Matron, Miss Montgomery, promised £500 on behalf of the Nursing Staff, but that is by no means the limit of what they hope to achieve.

Mr. George Verity, Chairman of Charing Cross Hospital, presiding recently at the Annual Meeting was able to make the announcement that in 1924 the Committee had once again kept clear of debt, paid their accounts, and had a small balance in hand. A hostel had been secured for the nurses and they had equipped a maternity ward. A new children's ward had been built on the roof, and the X-ray department had been re-equipped at an expenditure of £1,800. They had secured again the "proud pre-eminence of being least in the cost per bed of any hospital in London," which meant in England.

He continued: "We save approximately £8,000 a year on our beds, that sum is equivalent to the upkeep of thirty beds. As we have always spent any surplus—small or large—on maintenance, our buildings are thoroughly sound." A life insurance company had generously contributed £1,800 to start a separate institute for the bacteriological and pathological work of the hospital at a capital expenditure of £1,800.

Mrs. Rowcroft and Miss Wills, of Pilmuir, have given £13,290 towards erecting, at a cost of £80,000, a new Torbay Hospital. Last year they provided £8,000 for the site.

Mr. Bernhard Baron has received the thanks of the town for his offer to build a new wing of the Hove Hospital. Mr. Baron appealed to the inhabitants to provide funds for the adequate maintenance of the hospital, and assured them he found far more pleasure in giving the money than he ever had in making it. He told them that last December, feeling that he had too much money, he gave £300,000 away, £60,000 of which went to his workmen. He preferred to do some good with money while living, and to see people enjoy it.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)