

(a) INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS SERVICE.

Gold Medal.—Probationer J. C. B. Hunter, North-Eastern Fever Hospital; *Silver Medal*.—Probationer V. D. Bradburn, Western Fever Hospital, Probationer G. A. Gibbs, Western Fever Hospital.

Two candidates tied for second place in this examination, and the Board decided to award two silver medals on this occasion instead of one silver and one bronze.

(b) TUBERCULOSIS SERVICE.

The silver medal in the surgical tuberculosis service was won by Probationer K. J. Millman, Princess Mary's Hospital for Children, Cliftonville, Margate.

(c) CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

The silver medal, competed for by candidates with three years' training, was won by Probationer N. Woollatt, Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton.

The bronze medal, competed for by candidates with two years' training, was won by Probationer B. K. Anderson, Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton.

TOTAL PASSES.

	Staff Nurses.	Probationers.	Asst. Nurses.	Total.
Entered	11	60	5	76
Passed	10	51	4	65
Failed	1	9	1	11

GRANTS FOR NURSES' HOMES.

Among the awards made at a meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, held on December 16th, under the Presidency of the Prince of Wales, we notice that the provision of new Homes, or of increased accommodation for the nursing staffs of hospitals receives substantial recognition. Amongst the awards with these objects are:—Belgrave Hospital for Children £1,000, Chelsea Hospital for Women £500, Grosvenor Hospital for Women £500 (also towards accommodation for R.M.O.) London Temperance Hospital £1,000, Metropolitan Hospital £3,000, Mildmay Mission Hospital £500, Queen's Hospital for Children £250, Royal Free Hospital £1,000, St. Bartholomew's Hospital £1,000, St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, £500, St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, Plaistow, £500, Wimbledon Hospital £350.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. Walter Carrington Fowler, of The Pines, Broadgate, Beeston, Notts, who left £49,914 bequeathed £100 to his wife's nurse, Miss Gertrude Norton, "as some recognition of her kindness to his wife and himself."

Mr. William Morgan, of Walton Lodge, Berkswich, Staffs, left estate of the gross value of £16,359. He left £200 to Nurse Bailey, if in attendance on him at his death.

Mr. Frederick Bendle, of Portway Lodge, Frome, Somersetshire, left £50 to Miss Harriet Steel, nurse, in recognition of her skill and attention during an illness; £50 to Miss Alice Jane Greer, of Victoria Hospital, Frome, nurse; and £300 to Miss Jane Smith ("Jeannie"), nurse, in recognition of her skill and attention during his illness.

Mr. James Craig Law, of Alma Cottage, Devonshire Place, Harrogate, left £200 for distribution among his nurse or nurses or such other attendants as the executors shall determine.

THE PASSING BELL.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Tom Christian, R.M.N., head male nurse at Banstead Mental Hospital, after a brief illness. Mr. Christian was appointed a member of the First General Nursing Council for England and Wales in 1920 by the Minister of Health, and was a faithful spokesman in the interests of mental nurses during his three years' term of office. His name appears as Number 1 on the Mental Part of the State Register, and he spared no pains in assisting in its compilation in the early days. He took an interest in public affairs, and was at one time, a member of the Banstead Parish Council. He was also a member of the National Asylum Workers' Union, and the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council. The funeral took place on December 20th.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.**NEW YEAR HONOURS.**

The following names appear in the New Year Honours List as receiving honours for service in Britain and Dominions.

Order of the British Empire.**G.B.E.**

Ellen Alice, Mrs. Carew (Miss Ellen Terry).
Millicent Garrett, Mrs. Fawcett, J.P.

D.B.E.

Miss Louisa Brandreth Aldrich-Blake, M.S., M.D., Dean of the London School of Medicine for Women.

The high distinction conferred by the King on Mrs. Fawcett and Miss Ellen Terry will give the keenest pleasure not only in this country, but throughout His Majesty's Dominions and elsewhere. Touched with the Divine flame, and possessed of a lovable personality, each in her different sphere has spent a lifetime of hard work in the service of the community. They are of the great ones of the earth.

The honour bestowed on Miss Aldrich Blake will also give general satisfaction.

Kaiser-I-Hind Medal—First Class.

Maharani Parbati Devi of Sonpur, Bihar, and Orissa.
Miss Mary Theodora Schofield, Chief Lady Superintendent in India, Sandes Soldiers' Homes.
Mrs. Grant Stait, M.D., Medical Missionary, American Baptist Mission, Udayagiri, Nellore District, Madras.
Miss Alice Mary Hawker, Lady Missionary, Jiaganj, Murshidabad District, Bengal.

The new Conservative Government has been in Session for a fortnight, and has now adjourned until February 12th. During its short sitting quite a number of interesting questions were to the fore.

Mr. Thurtle asked the Prime Minister if it is the intention of the Government to introduce legislation with the object of giving the vote to women on the same terms as those on which it is at present given to men?

The Prime Minister said the subject was receiving consideration.

Let us have equality, certainly; but the right to vote at the age of 25 would be more conducive to considered good government than the enfranchisement of immature boys and girls of 21, who have a right to a few years in which to frisk around and enjoy their youth before becoming responsible citizens. Time for that later on.

ASSAULTS ON CHILDREN.

Sir Grattan Doyle asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many cases of assault or of sexual offences committed in regard to children and girls below the age of 16 were reported to the police in England, in Scotland and in Wales, respectively, during the last four years; in how many of these cases convictions were obtained; how many children were concerned in these cases; how many of the children were below the age of five years; and in how many of these cases there were records of previous convictions for similar offences?

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks replied that such figures as the hon. Member desired are available, but a Committee is at present inquiring into the whole subject of sexual offences committed on young persons and when it has reported we should, no doubt, know more.

Captain W. Benn asked the Secretary for Scotland whether it is intended to set up a Committee of Inquiry for Scotland on the subject of criminal assaults on children?

Sir J. Gilmour replied that he was appointing a Committee with the following terms of reference:—
"To inquire into the subject of sexual offences against children and young persons in Scotland and the procedure

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