

Mrs. Andrews' retirement was made by her friends and colleagues the occasion of entertaining her at a luncheon party, when, accompanied by many expressions of regard, they presented her with a handsome tea basket, for her personal use in a car which she is learning to drive, and from which she anticipates much pleasure. The lure of the road makes an appeal to many nurses in these days. We wish Mrs. Andrews many happy expeditions in what she terms her "latest toy."

At the St. Marylebone Hospital, North Kensington, on July 22nd, Miss M. E. Broadbent, Chairman of the Hospital Visiting Committee, presided at the presentation of prizes and certificates gained by probationers as a result of the October, 1925, and April, 1926, examinations, which were distributed by Sir John Broadbent in the presence of Alderman F. W. Dean, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Guardians, and other members, Dr. Basil Hood, Medical Superintendent, Miss S. J. Cockrell, S.R.N., R.R.C., Matron, Dr. Porter, Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, and many other friends.

Miss Broadbent said the total admissions for the past year had been the highest for the past four years, viz., 4,269, and there had been 755 patients in the wards at one time, and as many as 106 babies, and there had been an abnormal proportion of pneumonia cases. But in spite of a hard winter, the 16 probationers who went in for the final examinations of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales had all passed. Since they began to sit for these outside examinations 93 per cent. had passed. The nurses were grateful to Dr. Hood for his lectures. Indeed there was a rumour that once many of the nurses went without supper rather than miss his lecture, and the Matron had to intervene. Miss Broadbent also spoke in the highest praise of the valuable teaching given by the medical staff and the Sister-Tutor.

Sir John Broadbent, who congratulated the nurses on their success, spoke of the honourable estate of their profession.

The Gold Medal presented by the Board to the best all-round nurse of her year was won by Nurse Crapper.

A recent issue of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital *Journal* publishes an article, "Humour and the House Surgeon," containing many diverting stories. Here is one from a provincial hospital:—

"A man was obviously dying. Throughout his illness he had been visited by a boisterous lady whom the H.S. took to be his wife. So serious was the patient's condition that the H.S. took the lady aside and explained the state of affairs to her. 'Oh, that's all right. I've wired for his cousin, Mrs. Hamilton-Jones, and his uncle, Major Tompkins.' 'But he is far too ill to see all these people. We have let you in because you are his wife.' 'I'm *not* his wife—I'm the woman he lives with.' The H.S. felt this to be beyond his powers. The next day the man died, and a few hours later the lady returned to hospital with a large brown paper parcel. To Sister at the door she announced, 'I've brought a shroud. I haven't aired it. Does it matter?'"

Miss J. E. Pritchard, Lady Superintendent of the King Edward VII Order of Nurses in South Africa, states in her Annual Report that Sister Knox, district nurse in Johannesburg, who had gone overseas to take a special course in child welfare work, heard after her arrival in England that she had been awarded the first South African Red Cross Scholarship for the Social Service Course at Bedford College, London. She was finding this course exceedingly interesting, and hoped on its completion to return to the Staff of the King Edward Order.

The Third Annual Convention of the International Catholic Guild of Nurses, which was held at Chicago, in conjunction with the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Catholic Hospital Association, was the most successful convention in the history of the Guild.

The development of the Guild has been very extraordinary as in two years it has risen to a membership of nearly a thousand, and its members are to be found in 257 cities of the United States, as well as in Canada and Europe. Local Groups have been organised in Chicago, Gary, Indiana, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and other places. The registry for the convention shows an attendance from all quarters of the country, and the nurses who assisted at the meetings returned to their own cities inspired with zeal to organise local groups. The progress of the Guild was reported in the beautiful auditorium of the St. Ignatius Parish, 1300 Loyola Avenue, and it was listened to by representative audiences.

On the night of June 14th, an address was given by Rev. Edward F. Garesché, S.J., M.A., LL.B., General Spiritual Director of the Guild, on the Educational Programme designed to help the members of the Guild to train themselves for professional leadership and eminent service. It is to be accomplished through lecture courses, study clubs, and round-table conferences in different Local Groups and also through a nation-wide campaign for the establishment of scholarships for the International Catholic Guild of Nurses.

These scholarships are to be raised and administered by a Scholarship Committee in each Local Group of the Guild. This Committee is to have charge of the task of raising the scholarship fund and to select from the members of the Local Group by competitive examination the recipient of the scholarship. The Local Committee will also suggest the course to be taken and the school where the studies are to be made. The final decisions will be verified by the Central Headquarters of the Guild.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A terrible tragedy is reported from the Dykebar Mental Hospital near Paisley, where a member of the nursing staff, Miss Euphemia Shannon Bryden, whose body was discovered in the early morning after a picnic, which lasted until a late hour on the evening of July 21st, in a field about a mile from the hospital, with several deep wounds on the head. A warrant was subsequently issued for the arrest of a male nurse on a charge of murder.

Apparently the absence of the nurse was not discovered until she failed to come on duty on the following morning.

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