

### THE DUNCAN GOLD MEDAL FOR TROPICAL NURSING.

Miss Dorothy Bates, who gained the highest marks in the examination at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, 25, Gordon Street, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C., and gained its Gold Medal, had the honour of receiving it from Princess Marie Louise, who visited the hospital on July 17.

### MEDALS AND PRIZES.

On the recent Prize Day at St. James' Infirmary, Balham, the following were the recipients of the Gold Medal and prizes:—The Gold Medal, Nurse L. M. Rose; Medical Superintendent's Prize for Anatomy and Physiology Examination, Nurse J. C. Bradley; Medical Superintendent's Prize for Medical Nursing Examination, Nurse L. M. Rose, Nurse I. E. Watts; Medical Superintendent's Prize for Surgical Nursing Examination, Nurse L. M. Rose; Matron's Prize for Nursing, Nurse R. Simpkins. In addition, thirty Certificates were presented to Nurses who had completed their training and passed the State Final Examination.

### ANNUAL REUNION AND PRIZE GIVING AT THE OLDHAM INFIRMARY.

The first annual reunion and prize-giving was held on Wednesday, June 27th. All the nurses trained at the Oldham Royal Infirmary were invited, and members of the nursing staff were allowed to invite their friends. The guests were received by Miss F. A. Oke (Matron), and Dr. Godson (Honorary Consulting Surgeon and Chairman of the General Committee), in his opening speech, gave a very hearty welcome to the nurses and friends.

Mr. Drake (General Superintendent and Secretary) next read the report, which showed a year of steady progress. The new trunk and head models, also hygiene and gynaecological charts, had, he said, added much interest to the lectures. The examination results had been satisfactory and are published in the summer number of "The Owl," the hospital magazine.

In the hospital final examination, Nurse Black, with 80 per cent. marks, gained the gold medal; and Nurse McGhee, with 76 per cent. marks, gained the silver medal. Nurse Stretch was successful with 82 per cent. marks in gaining the book prize in the hospital junior examination.

Dr. Fawsitt (Consulting Surgeon, and a well-known friend to the nurses) was then called upon to present the medals and prizes. Mr. Critchley (Chairman of the Nursing Committee) presented the badges to the nurses who had successfully completed their hospital training. The gold and silver medals are copies of the training badge in gold and silver respectively, and will remain the property of the successful nurses. Nurse Stretch received the book prize, "An Index of Treatments," by various writers. Miss Oke, on behalf of the nurses, thanked all who had so kindly helped to make the afternoon such a success.

Tea was served in the Home and dancing was enjoyed to the strains of a string band. Had the weather been more favourable, the tennis court would have been very popular. A cake and candy stall, arranged by the student nurses, caused much fun, and resulted in £9 being added to the funds, proving it to be a highly successful effort. Several of the members stayed to dinner with the Sisters, and a very jolly party was enjoyed at night.

### LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. Arthur Claude Van Nierop of Golders Green, N.W., left £2,000 and his residence, 20, Alba Gardens, Golders Green, and his personal jewellery and clothes and money standing to his credit at bank to Nurse Mary Hurmson, "as a recognition of her goodness to my dear mother and the care and attention which she has given to me."

Mr. Edward Waddilove, of Shipley, left £500 (unless previously given by him since the date of his will) to Marion Brown, nurse to his mother.

Miss Edith Barbara Stapley, of Worthing, left £100 to Nurse Ann Ware, and £100 and wearing apparel to Nurse Jenkins.

### THE PASSING BELL.

#### Faithful and Unswerving Service.

The staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Sister Stanley—Miss Laura Willey. Sister Stanley went for her holiday on July 7th, and on Saturday, July 14th, came the tragic news that she had been drowned bathing near Padstow.

Miss Willey entered hospital in 1914. She obtained the Hospital's Certificate in 1917 and the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board in 1918. In November, 1918, she was appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Throat Department. In June, 1919, she was appointed Sister Casualty, and in August, 1920, she was transferred to Stanley Ward as Sister-in-Charge of the Male Surgical Professorial Unit.

The Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Sister Paget went to Urmston near Manchester to the funeral, which took place on Thursday, July 19th.

Beautiful flowers were sent from the Treasurer and Governors of the Hospital, the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses (the "Bart.'s" Shield in white and blue hydrangeas), from the Matron, the Sisters, the Nursing Staff, the Domestic Staff, the Professorial Unit, The Students' Union and many personal friends.

The Church of St. Bartholomew's-the-Less was filled to overflowing for the Memorial Service held at the Hospital.

The service was taken by Canon Hopkins of St. Paul's Cathedral, who in a short address referred to the faithful and unswerving service Sister had given the Hospital, and to the great influence for good she had had amongst her colleagues. As Sister of one of the busiest wards in the Hospital, her moments of relaxation were few, but she was always ready to help with the Games Club and other social activities in the Hospital, and her many friends consulted her in their difficulties as she was full of sympathy and her advice and judgment would always be sound.

A faithful friend and an ideal Sister beloved by her Staff and patients Miss Willey will ever be remembered.

Our sympathy goes out to the Sisters who witnessed the tragedy and to her Mother.

By a strange coincidence the engine of the train which bore her body home to Manchester was named the "Saint Bartholomew."

The tragic death by drowning of two young probationer nurses in the river Avon has cast a profound gloom in the adjoining village of Shirehampton, near Bristol, where one of them, Edna Beere, lived.

There is a poignancy about the disaster of these young girls, little more than children, going after their arduous night's work in the Isolation Hospital to paddle in the treacherous river which runs past its grounds.

An eye-witness who was watching them from the opposite bank said that when the wash of a passing vessel drenched them with water, these light-hearted girls treated it as a huge joke. They were wringing out their skirts, and "how they *did* laugh," she said. The happy laughter floating across the river was the last utterance of their young voices.

In a moment a slip on the wet rock, and they were all three in the deep pool beneath.

The survivor told her tale with sorrowful simplicity to the coroner.

There is something infinitely distressing in the thought of these two young nurses, clad in indoor uniform, drifting in the tidal river, tossed here and there until their bodies were recovered by the local boatmen some days later.

Accompanying the Cardiff mother at the inquest was an elderly clergyman with a gentle face, who carried a large bunch of garden flowers, and it needed no great imagination to conclude that one of the dead girls belonged to his flock, and that the flowers were brought from her village home.

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