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THE HOSPITAL FOR TROPICAL DISEASES.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, London, W.C. on Thursday, September 26th, when Lady Manson presented the "Duncan" Gold Medal to the Nurse on the Hospital staff who had come out first in the examinations during the past year, and the Certificate of the Seamen's Hospital Society for Tropical Nursing to successful candidates.

Prior to the meeting the invited guests were welcomed by the Matron, Miss O. E. U. Lloyd, S.R.N., and entertained to tea, and then the Chairman, Capt. Sir Arthur W. Clarke, K.B.E., introduced Lady Manson and invited Dr. Low to tell the history of the Medal.

Dr. Carmichael Low said that the late Dr. Duncan, who was on the staff at the Albert Dock Hospital, left a sum of money for a Gold Medal to be presented to the best nurse of her year. When the Hospital was opened in Endsleigh Gardens it was felt that a Course of Lectures in Tropical Diseases should be established.

Skilled nursing was so essential in the care of tropical diseases that it was very important that nurses before proceeding overseas should be equipped with a knowledge of the features peculiar to such diseases. In addition, therefore, to the hospital staff, other certificated nurses were admitted to the lectures, of which there are two Sessions in the year. (The fee charged for each Session is £4 4s.)

Lady Manson then presented the "Duncan" Gold Medal to Miss L. M. Scavell, S.R.N., who was greeted with rounds of applause as she came forward to receive it, and also certificates to those who had gained them.

Fourteen nurses had passed the examination during the past year, and four had obtained distinction, for which it was necessary to obtain 75 per cent. of the possible marks. These four nurses were Miss L. M. Scavell, S.R.N., with a total of 81 per cent., Miss E. M. Aldridge, S.R.N., 80 per cent., Miss E. G. V. Davies, S.R.N., 78.3 per cent., and Miss E. Watson, S.R.N., 77.4 per cent., which was an excellent standard.

The Chairman, in thanking Lady Manson for coming to present the Gold Medal and certificates, said they were

all aware of the great work done by Sir Patrick Manson; he was extraordinarily modest, but he worked early and late at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases at the Albert Dock in solving the problems of their origin.

The Chairman referred further to the presence of Mrs. Manson-Bahr, a daughter of Sir Patrick Manson, and the wife of a brilliant member of the hospital staff.

The vote of thanks to Lady Manson was heartily carried, and was acknowledged, at her request, by Dr. Low, after which the proceedings terminated.

Amongst those present was Mr. Spencer-Dixon, Consul-General at Marseilles, who takes a deep interest in the work of the Society.

Within the limits of the accommodation at present available, the hospital is open to all sufferers from diseases peculiar to the tropics, and seamen and all necessitous

persons are treated free. Extensive alterations are at present being carried out in the hospital, as the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has now been moved to Gower Street, W.C. When they are complete the hospital, which now has 56 beds, will be able to accommodate from 70 to 80 patients.

The present nursing staff consists of the Matron, three Day Sisters and one Night Sister, eight nurses and nine probationers.

Autumn Course of Lectures.

The following is the Syllabus for the Autumn Course of Lectures:

October 1st.—Dr. G. Carmichael Low. Malaria and Black-water Fever. *8th.*—Dr. P. Manson-Bahr. The Dysenteries. *15th.*—Sir Leonard Rogers.

Cholera and Yellow Fever. *22nd.*—Dr. A. L. Gregg. Personal Hygiene in the Tropics. Outfit. Exercise. Food. Alcohol, etc. *29th.*—Dr. G. Carmichael Low. Trypanosomiasis and Filariasis. *November 5th.*—Mr. T. Pomfret Kilner. Plastic Surgical Methods. *12th.*—Dr. A. L. Gregg. Surgical Nursing in the Tropics. *19th.*—Dr. P. Manson-Bahr. Dengue and other Fevers. *26th.*—Dr. G. Carmichael Low. Kala-Azar. *December 3rd.*—Dr. P. Manson Bahr. Ankylostomiasis. *10th.*—Sir Leonard Rogers. Leprosy and Plague. *17th.*—Dr. J. R. H. MacLeod. Skin Diseases in the Tropics. *January 7th, 1930.*—Dr. A. L. Gregg. Hepatic Abscess and Elephantiasis. *14th.*—Dr. G. Carmichael Low. Sprue. *21st.*—Dr. P. Manson Bahr. Beri-beri. Schistosomiasis and Heat Stroke.



Nurse Lilian M. Scavell, S.R.N.,
Duncan Gold Medallist.

Lady Manson.

Miss E. Lloyd, S.R.N.,
Matron.

PRESENTATION OF THE DUNCAN GOLD MEDAL BY LADY MANSON TO
NURSE LILIAN M. SCAVELL, S.R.N.

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