

to the endeavour to obtain special telephone facilities for nurses, especially in rural areas. It was hoped that further representations as to the urgency of this matter in relation to the midwifery work would prove successful.

A large gathering assembled on June 20th for the Annual Reunion and Prize giving at St. James' Hospital, Balham. The guests were received by the Matron, Miss Constance Todd, M.M., R.R.C., in the large recreation room, which was gaily decorated with flowers.

Dr. Barrie Lambert, Chairman of the Public Health Committee of the London County Council, presented the prizes, and in her address to the nurses spoke of the important work undertaken by the L.C.C. in taking over the Poor Law Hospitals, and of the loyal co-operation of the staff which had minimised the difficulties of this great undertaking. She emphasised the individual responsibility each nurse had towards upholding the standard of L.C.C. nursing.

The Gold Medal awarded to the nurse obtaining the highest marks for Conduct, Ward work and all Examinations was presented to Miss M. F. Cooke.

Medical Superintendent's Prize for Anatomy and Physiology Examination: Nurse C. Casley.

Medical Superintendent's Prize for Surgical Nursing Examination: Nurse S. Wolstenholme.

Matron's Prize for Nursing: Nurse E. Noponen.

Medical Superintendent's Prize for Medical Nursing Examination: Nurse L. Bossard.

Matron's Prize for General Efficiency: Nurse E. Crockett, I. Stephens.

Prize presented by A. G. Allen, Esq. (awarded by vote of the Nursing Staff to the Sister or Nurse held in the highest esteem by her colleagues): Nurse E. Adams.

Thirty nurses received their certificates, and nine others who were unable to be present also obtained them.

At the conclusion of the proceedings Dr. Barrie Lambert was presented with a beautiful bouquet of red carnations and all adjourned to tea, which was served in the nurses' dining-room.

We are asked by Miss L. K. Flynn, Secretary of the Nurses' Christian Alliance (of which the President is Miss M. A. F. Dashwood) to notify that it has been necessary to vacate the rooms at 2, Osnaburgh Terrace, N.W., as the lease has fallen in. The club room has therefore been transferred to 16, Dartmouth Street, Tothill Street, Westminster, the headquarters offices of the Christian Alliance of Women and Girls, where the Secretary will be pleased to welcome any hospital nurses.

The club room is open from 10-5 daily (except Saturday and Sunday), and on Tuesdays and Thursdays nurses will be sure of finding Miss Flynn there in the evening as well as in the morning and afternoon.

The club will be closed for August, but will reopen on September 1st, when an attractive programme for the winter session will commence, particulars of which can be obtained from the Secretary.

The Matron of Preston Royal Infirmary, Miss M. A. Marks, was recently presented by Mr. Alex. Foster, Chairman of the Board of Management, with a silver tea service on behalf of the Board as a recognition of her 21 years' devoted service.

Miss Marks, responding, said she had seen the Infirmary grow, and loved every stone of it.

The "Alex. Foster" Gold Medal for the best all-round nurse during the three-year course was won by Nurse M. Hall; and Nurse Moffatt was awarded the "Hilda M. Foster" Silver Medal.

They were presented by Mrs. Percy Birley.

BATTERSEA POLYTECHNIC PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.

A delightful Reunion Dinner was held at Battersea Polytechnic on May 30th. Many Health Visitors, Sanitary Inspectors and Sister Tutors were able to be present and were delighted to have Miss Bideleaux (late Principal) in their midst.

After dinner Miss Cummings gave a short outline of her new research work on vitamins, and Miss Ballard was asked by Miss Williams, Principal of the Public Health Department, to talk of the work of Sister Tutors and their League.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, and more means were added to the League of Sister Tutors.



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