

and they were all proud of her when it was remembered there were some thousand persons in the hospital. Amid hearty applause, the chairman alluded to the long and devoted service of the Assistant Matron, Miss E. M. Saunders, and specially thanked the Sister Tutor, Miss W. McKeown, for her excellent work. Finally in an inspiring speech, Mrs. Underwood reminded the nurses that however efficient they were she would have them remember that the greatest asset of all was always to have loving kindness in their work.

In the Medical Superintendent's statement of the progress made during the past year, over 2,000 surgical operations had been performed, and there had been some 1,000 births in the maternity wards of the hospital, and not one death. This splendid record can well be understood on visiting the beautifully equipped midwifery wards of the hospital.

Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P., then presented the prizes and certificates to members of the nursing staff, whose success, the result of hard work, was greeted with applause.

**LIST OF AWARDS.**

**CERTIFICATES.**

The following three nurses were presented with certificates of **DISTINCTION STANDARD** by the Right Hon. the Chairman of the London County Council, the Lord Snell, C.B.E., LL.D., J.P., at the County Hall, in March, 1936 :—

Nurse A. N. M. CORBYN. Nurse J. G. M. ALLAN.  
Nurse P. E. MAKINS.

Certificates awarded to nurses who have completed their training and have passed the Central Final Examination :—

Nurse E. M. ATTFIELD.	Nurse B. I. PEARSONS.
" F. E. CURTIS.	" R. R. PLAISTER.
" D. M. EGGLEDEN.	" G. E. M. ROBERTS.
" E. EDWARDS.	" J. I. READ.
" W. M. FARR.	" M. CHALMERS REID.
" J. G. FREEMAN.	" B. A. B. SIMMONDS.
" V. M. HOOD.	" M. WEETMAN.
" H. LOW.	" D. D. WRIGHT.
" B. M. LEES.	" G. JAMES.

**PRIZES.**

**SENIOR NURSES—**  
Given by the late Alderman C. Keeling, M.B.E. 1st Prize—Nurse J. G. M. ALLAN.  
Given by Mrs. B. C. M. Wilson, C.B.E. 2nd " " W. M. FARR.  
Given by Mrs. B. C. M. Wilson, C.B.E. 3rd " " E. M. ATTFIELD.

**2ND AND 3RD YEAR NURSES—**  
Given by Lady Melville ... 1st Prize—Nurse J. SCALLAN.  
Given by Lady Melville ... 2nd " " R. C. HUSKINSON.  
Given by Lady Melville ... 3rd " " P. LEWIS.

**JUNIOR NURSES—1st Year—**  
Given by Mrs. F. A. Underwood. 1st Prize—Nurse A. DAWSON.  
Given by Medical Superintendent. 2nd " " J. WITTY.  
Given by Sister Tutor ... 3rd " " M. I. PENISTONE.

Matron's Prize ... Nurse J. G. M. ALLAN.

At Miss Ingman's request, Mr. D. H. Pritt, K.C., M.P., then presented the Matron's Challenge Cup for the Hospital Tennis Tournament.

The presentation of bouquets to the chairman, Mrs. F. A. Underwood, and the Matron, and buttonholes to Mr. D. N. Pritt and the Medical Superintendent, was received with applause.

In a short speech Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P., expressed his pleasure in taking part in the ceremony of presenting the prizes, and reminded the nurses that their work, whether in time of peace or war, was always of value, that he had watched the careers of nurses and doubted whether there is a finer profession in the world, and felt

sure that to-day the nurses of St. Mary Abbot's Hospital pulled their weight.

Votes of thanks were moved by Lady Melville to Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P., seconded by the Rev. B. G. Chandler, M.A., and by Miss Monica Whately, to the chairman, Mrs. F. A. Underwood, and seconded by Mr. Kenneth Ingram.

All were invited to a most welcome tea and refreshments provided in the nurses' spacious sitting room.

The management must indeed be gratified and proud to witness the atmosphere of well-being and content which was evident as the members of their large nursing staff of some 200, welcomed their guests and friends, with so much courtesy.

Visitors carried away the conviction that the patients at St. Mary Abbot's Hospital were the first interest of the medical and nursing staff. This is as it should be.

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**UNITED NURSING SERVICES' CLUB.**

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Once again the shareholders of the United Nursing Services' Club recorded a very successful Annual General Meeting, which was held in the beautiful drawing-room of the Club on Wednesday, November 25th, 1936, at 34, Cavendish Square, London, W.

Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, D.B.E., R.R.C., presided with the charm that the members have now come to associate with their Chairman, and there was a good attendance, and among those present were : Dame Elizabeth Oram, D.B.E., R.R.C., Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. E. Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. M. Miller, Miss M. Dempster, Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., and Brig.-General R. H. More, C.M.G., C.B.E.

On rising, the Chairman expressed her great pleasure in presenting the fifteenth Annual Report, together with a most satisfactory Balance Sheet, and that it gave her great pleasure to report that at last the Directors had acquired the additional accommodation they wanted.

The Report showed that the Club had again made a profit on the year's working, the surplus of income over expenditure being £1,275 2s. 3d., as compared with £1,310 14s. 1d. last year and £666 18s. 1d. in 1933-1934.

During the year the Club has invested £1,100 in £1,135 6s. 6d. Local Loans. The membership now stands at 1,212, as compared with 1,213 last year. The Directors recommend a payment of a 5 per cent. dividend, free of Income Tax.

Miss E. M. Miller, in seconding that the Report be adopted, said that expenses had risen slightly because it was thought advisable to spend a little more on the very good food provided. She had been told that there was no other Club in London where such comfort, entertainment, and excellent appetising food could be obtained at so moderate a price, and she heartily agreed with this opinion.

Dame Anne said from the Chair how grateful they felt towards the donors, two members who wished to be anonymous, for the magnificent flowers which adorned the drawing room.

Miss Thurston, C.B.E., R.R.C., proposed a very warm vote of thanks to the Secretary, Miss M. F. Steele, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., and her staff for their splendid work. The Chairman, in heartily supporting Miss Thurston, thought that Miss Steele attended to everyone's comfort at the expense of her own. Miss Miller expressed her admiration and gratitude that the Secretary's kindness and consideration far exceeded her legal duties so admirably done, which was carried with acclamation.

A delightful tea followed, completing the satisfactory fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Club, upon which the Managers are to be congratulated.

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