CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES AT FULHAM HOSPITAL.

A presentation of certificates and prizes to the nurses of Fulham Hospital was held in the lecture room on September 23rd at 3 p.m. The sun shone in celebration of the day, and a large number of parents, friends and old Fulhamites turned up to give their good wishes to the newly qualified nurses.

The chair was taken by Mrs. Latham, chairman of the Hospital Committee.

Mrs. Latham greeted Miss Esther Rickards, M.S., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., who had been good enough to spare an afternoon out of her busy life to come to present the certificates and prizes.

Dr. C. D. Coyle, Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, then spoke of the large increase in the special activities of the hospital. Dr. Coyle also gave details of the "passes" during the past year. For the State Final, 25 out of 26; and for the L.C.C. Final 20 entered, all passed, two with distinction.

Dr. Rickards then presented the certificates and prizes, and afterwards spoke to the nurses, telling them to fight for their liberty and standing in the world, to unite together to get better conditions for themselves and their colleagues, but to remember always that when on duty the patient was all important, and that nothing mattered except the recovery physically, mentally and spiritually of that patient. To remember, again, that prevention is better than cure, to instil into the minds of their patients the art of so caring for their body that illness is prevented, and the idea that to allow themselves to become ill is something in the nature of a crime.

CERTIFICATES.

Awarded to nurses who have completed the period of training and have passed the Central Final Examination of the Council:—

McNamara, E. I. (Distinction). Dunn, A.C. McDermott, M. M. (Distinction). HANRATTY, M. ATKINSON, K. HARRINGTON, C. Bowers, J. M. Brown, H. B. HARVEY, N. O. HEALY, M. Browne, M. Hoult, M. BURRELL, E. A. CALVERT, S. C. Miles, D. E. MURPHY, M. M. DAVIES, B. Sprigings, G. V. DAVIES, J. M. Wевв, J. H.

PRIZES.

Medical Superintendent's prizes for senior nurses:

B. Davies.

E. McNamara.

Matron's prizes for second-year nurses:

M. Bowers.

M. A. McPhillips.

Sister Tutor's prizes for first-year nurses:—
M. B. Hearty.
M. A. Quinn.

SPORTS PRIZES.

The Chairman then presented to the winner of the Hospital tennis tournament the cup given by Miss Fulford. Sister Davies has now won this for the second time.

Mrs. Latham then said she wished to present a cup to the Sports Club, and that when the Sports Committee had decided for what game it should be offered she would have it inscribed. She wished to give the cup in memory of the kindness received by herself and her daughter from the nurses while they were patients in the hospital.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Mayor of Fulham, Alderman C. Lancaster, to Dr. Rickards, and seconded.

After a vote of thanks to the Chair, everyone went over to the large recreation room to enjoy the good tea prepared by Sister Bevan (the sister housekeeper) and her helpers.

The day finished with a dance, at which many of the nurses' friends who had been unable to be present at the prize-giving were able to help them enjoy the evening.

THE PASSING BELL.

Miss Anne Pattrick.

The death took place at St. Thomas's Hospital, on September 19th, of Anne, daughter of the late W. Pattrick, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Miss Anne Pattrick, born in 1882, qualified as a nurse at the Christchurch Hospital, and then took special training in infant welfare at the Karitane Hospital, Dunedin, of which she became matron. In 1916 she was released from the hospital for military duty abroad with the New Zealand Army Nursing Service, and she served as a staff nurse on one of the New Zealand hospital ships and as a sister in New Zealand hospitals in England.

When in 1918 the English Mothercraft Society was formed Dr. (now Sir) Truby King secured her release from the Army to organise and open a mothercraft training centre at Trebovir Road. She remained in England for 2½ years to see the work established, and then handed over to Miss Liddiard, the present nursing director of the Mothercraft Training Society, the headquarters of which are at Cromwell House, Highgate. After an extensive tour of Europe, Canada, and the United States to investigate methods of infant welfare she returned to New Zealand, and shortly afterwards was appointed nursing director of the Plunket Society, the organisation responsible for infant welfare in the Dominion. This position she held until 1935, when she retired. Miss Pattrick also took an active part in the affairs of her profession, and in 1929 she represented New Zealand at the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal, and the Mothercraft Training Centres at Sydney, Melbourne, and Toronto received the benefit of her advice.

The funeral took place in the military section of the Brookwood Cemetery on September 24th.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. Reginald Francis Jowers, F.R.C.S., of Hove, left £50 to Miss Poile, Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Lewes, in token of his appreciation of the way she carried out her duties during the time he was connected with the hospital, £50 to Nurse Sara Jones for many kindnesses received in illness, £50 to his male nurse, William Peate Kestin, if still in his service, and £25 to his night attendant similarly.

Mr. Jowers also left £1,000 to the Royal Sussex County Hospital, £100 to the Victoria Hospital, Lewes, and £200 to Dr. Donald Hall, in recognition of his unfailing kindness and attention.

Mr. Jowers, who was a student at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the eighties, and later held resident posts there, was very popular with the Nursing Staff, and afterwards went into practice at Brighton.

Mr. Matthew Kerr, of Lemna Road, Leytonstone, E., whose estate is valued at £22,653, left £600 to his nurse, Violet Ethel Bass, as a token of appreciation of her kindness to him.

Mrs. Constance Freeth, of Finchley Road, left £2,000 to Miss Bevan, nurse, "in recognition of her kindness to me during my illness."

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