

New Year Honours, having been awarded the O.B.E.

This lady is the Founder and Hon. Director of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals of the Poor, and the good work done by this noble organisation for the animals of the poor folk in this country can never be estimated. Sick animal friends of rich and poor alike deserve the best aid possible, and the hands stretched out to animals in distress find their origin in the heart of this great benefactress.

We are very pleased to receive The London Hospital League of Nurses Review No. XVI, dressed in its pretty blue cover with a picture of the hospital badge in the centre.

The President of the League, Miss C. Alexander, in addressing her "Fellow Londoners," says, in referring to her attendance at the International Congress of Nurses last year: "I am quite sure of one thing, that while in very many ways we have a great deal to learn from Canada and the States, as a general rule our patients are better cared for than in the hospitals over there. I envy them many things: their equipment, their cleanliness, their bright attractive manners, their welcoming attitude to all people, but I think that our nurses are looking after the sick extremely well, and I have the greatest admiration for our young nurses and young sisters."

It is to be regretted that the bombed St. Augustine's Church, the property of "The London," cannot be rebuilt; the parish has been amalgamated with that of St. Philips, but a full time chaplain has been appointed for the hospital.

In the Review, several members have written of their visit to the International Congress, and of the tours they made to American and Canadian hospitals.

The passing of the Black Book is especially mentioned; this has given place to the modern "Kardex" filing system.

There are several fine illustrations in this issue; the one of the tennis team is particularly pleasing.

CRICHTON ROYAL NURSES' PRIZE GIVING

Sir Hugh Gladstone, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Crichton Royal, Dumfries, in the absence through illness of the Chairman, Captain F. Wickham Weakes, presented Prizes and Hospital Certificates on Friday, January 9th, 1948, to the following Nurses:—

PRIZES

NORA HARKIN, Campbell Cup.
ANNIE L. EGAN, 1st Prize Mental and Physical Diseases.
MARY A. DOYLE, 2nd Prize Mental and Physical Diseases.
CATHERINE BURKE, 1st Prize Practical Nursing.
JOHN COWIE, 1st Prize Anatomy and Physiology.
ARTHUR QUINNELL, 2nd Prize Anatomy and Physiology.
THOMAS GOODWINN, 1st Prize Hygiene and Dietetics.
JOHN COWIE, 2nd Prize Hygiene and Dietetics.
MARY NEILL, 1st Prize Nursing (Junior).
MARY PORTER, 2nd Prize Nursing (Junior).
WILLIAM EDWARD, Occupational Therapy.

CERTIFICATES

JOHN GLOVER, ELLEN K. HANDLEY, NORA HARKIN, MARY C. MANNION, FRANCES ROSE SULLIVAN, ELIZA BISHOPE, ROSETTA BRIODY, ROSE BRADY, VIOLET CLIFFORD, MARGARET MARY CONLAN, MARY ANN DOYLE, ANNIE L. EGAN, CATHERINE KENNEDY, ANN MULLIGAN, KENNETH WHITE, ALEXANDER BEATTIE.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

The Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., having carefully considered the Report of the Working Party on the Recruitment and Training of Nurses, came to the following conclusions, which were forwarded to the Minister of Health and to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

(a) That the Basic Training of two years is insufficient to qualify candidates to become Registered Nurses and they consider that training should be of at least three years' duration including special branches of nursing.

(b) That the comprehensive training and co-operation of study could be managed by a committee of the Matrons and the Sister Tutors concerned, as the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd. considers that to remove the training from the direct supervision of the Matron's department would be detrimental to the Nursing Profession.

(c) The Council strongly deprecates any recommendation that would in any way diminish the responsibility and powers of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Congratulations from her colleagues go to Miss A. S. Yeaman, S.R.N., S.C.M., F.B.C.N., upon her appointment as Matron at the General Hospital, Castel, Guernsey. Miss Yeaman received her General Training at the Dundee Royal Infirmary; she is a State Certified Midwife, and holds a Housekeeping Certificate.

Prior to leaving for Guernsey, Miss Yeaman was the able Assistant Matron at the Wood Green and Southgate Hospital, London. She has also held posts as Theatre Sister, Theatre Sister and Deputy Matron, and Assistant Matron.

We recently had the pleasure of Miss Yeaman's company at a gay little tea party round the fire, when international friends were also present.

The congratulations of her colleagues go to Miss M. Gerard, S.R.N., S.C.M., upon her appointment as Deputy Matron at the City Hospital, Nottingham.

Trained at the Wolverhampton Royal Hospital, Miss Gerard successfully acquired the post of Assistant Matron at the Croydon General Hospital, and Assistant Matron at Noble's Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Miss Gerard is a valued member of the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

Miss Annie Urquhart has announced her retirement from the Matronship of the Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Glasgow, a post she has filled with great success for thirty-four years.

Trained at the Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow, she later held posts as Ward Sister and Theatre Sister in her Training School, and is a State Certified Midwife.

In great appreciation of her services, the Directors of the Hospital presented her with an exquisite gold necklace with a very charmingly designed brooch-pendant studded with pearls and amethysts.

The Nursing and Domestic staffs gave her a portable Pye wireless set; and from the Medical staffs she received a large Sir D. Y. Cameron picture, in colour, of a gathering storm in the mountains of Perthshire.

Colleagues in the British College of Nurses, Ltd., of which Miss Urquhart has been an enthusiastic Fellow since 1927, send greetings to her and sincere wishes for a very happy period of recreation from her arduous labours.

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