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FOLLOWING the closure of Earl's Cross Hostel, Dornoch, Sutherland divisional education officer Mr John Metcalfe made his last official visit to present a long-service award to full-time domestic assistant Miss Helen Mackay.

Mr Metcalfe is pictured making the presentation, watched by (from left) Mr Jimmy Bell and his wife Jessie, warden and matron 1966-77; part-time domestic assistant for 22 years, Mrs Margaret McHardy, Dornoch; Golspie High School head physical education teacher and part-time supervisor at Earl's Cross for 20 years, Mr Willie Mackay; Mrs Cathie Irving, cook for the past seven years; part-time domestic assistant for nine years Mrs Avril Grant, Dornoch; and matron Mrs Margaret MacKenzie, Dornoch, formerly of Halkirk.

Mrs Irving has also retired, while Mrs MacKenzie becomes matron of MacLeod House Hostel, Golspie. Next session, Mrs McHardy moves to a post at Golspie High School canteen and Mrs Grant to a post at Mackay House Hostel, Golspie.

Mr Bell said afterwards: "Helen Mackay's service was of the highest quality. She was first-class, and so was Margaret McHardy. You couldn't ask for better staff."

R. J. J.  
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