

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

WE HEAR WITH great satisfaction that the total membership of the National Council of Nurses has now risen to 54,220 members.

We congratulate the Secretariat of the Council on this achievement and wish them more success as the year goes by.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses will be held in the Nurses' Home of the Middlesex Hospital in Foley Street, W.1, at 10.30 a.m. on April 17th, 1953; also the Extraordinary Meeting of the Grand Council at 2.15 p.m. by the kind permission of the Matron of the Middlesex Hospital.

STUDY TOUR IN PARIS

April 21st-30th, 1953.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has accepted on behalf of its members an invitation from the National Association of Trained Nurses of France. It is for a group of 30 members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to go to Paris on a Study Tour, the dates for which are given above.

Programmes: Programmes will be available later. Items of cultural and professional interest are included.

Cost: The cost of the course is 20,500 francs, exclusive of travel. Air travel is £8 15s. 6d. by night flight (Return), or £10 10s. 8d. day flight (Return).

Applications for forms should be made to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 17, Portland Place, London, W.1, not later than March 1st; no money to be sent at this stage.

Members of the National Council of Nurses will be grateful to read the attached letter and to learn of the safe delivery of teaching material, etc., contributed by them for the Nurses of Korea, and sent from this country in August, 1950.

Thanks are due to Miss Haines and to Miss E. Townsend, Matron of the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, who very kindly stored the goods during the waiting period.

January 2nd, 1953.

Dear Miss Rowe,

You will be delighted to know that the teaching materials finally arrived and were handed over to the Korean Nurses Association on December 31st. I was able to arrange their shipment from Hong Kong free of charge, and they are in perfect condition after such long storage.

Unfortunately, the British Legation is too busy to make a formal handover on behalf of the British Nurses, but I will have a photograph taken so that the subscribers will see that their wonderful gift finally reached the Korean Nurses.

With all good wishes for 1953.

Yours sincerely,

SUSAN HAINES,

Chief Nursing Division, U.N.K.R.A.

Increase in Nursing Salaries.

Statement by Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council.

The following statement is issued by the Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council:—

The Management and Staff Sides of the Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council have agreed upon increased salaries and training allowances together with increased charges for board and lodging, laundry and meals on duty for all nursing and midwifery staff and students within the National Health Service. Salaries and training allowances will be increased by amounts varying from £25 a year for

students to £60 for the most senior grades of staff. Charges for board and lodging and other services will be increased by amounts varying from £8 to £20.

A difference between the two sides about the date of operation of these increases was referred to the Industrial Court who have awarded that they should have effect from June 1st, 1952. It will now be necessary for the Whitley Council to complete the agreement in the light of the award so that full details of the revised salaries and charges may be circulated to employing authorities.

British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund.

Award of Scholarship for 1953-54.

EIGHT POST-GRADUATE TRAVELLING scholarships of £350 each will be awarded in 1953 to nurses and midwives of the British Commonwealth and Empire by the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund. These will be tenable for recognised courses or approved planned study during the academic year 1953-54. These scholarships are allocated as follows:—

For Nurses and Midwives of United Kingdom

MOUNTBATTEN SCHOLARSHIP (presented by Countess Mountbatten of Burma). Open to any nurse or midwife of the United Kingdom.

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP (presented by Johnson and Johnson (Gt. Britain), Ltd.). Open to a nurse interested in child welfare to visit Canada, or Australia, or the United States.

SIR JAMES KNOTT SCHOLARSHIP (presented by the Trustees). Open to nurses or midwives of Northumberland and Durham.

NOTE—These scholarships are not limited to nurses born in these countries or working there now. They are open to any nurse or midwife who can show some connection with these countries, at any time, either through family, residence or work.

For Nurses and Midwives of the Dominions.

Canada

GILCHRIST SCHOLARSHIP (presented by the Gilchrist Educational Trust). Open to a French-English speaking Canadian nurse or midwife.

South Africa

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP (presented by the Royal College of Physicians). Open to a South African nurse or midwife.

Ceylon

PERMANENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP (provided out of the income of the main scholarship fund). Open to a nurse or midwife of Ceylon.

For Nurses and Midwives of the Colonies.

West Indies

THOMAS WALL SCHOLARSHIP (presented by the Thomas Wall Trust). Open to any nurse or midwife from the West Indies, including the Bahamas and Bermuda, but excluding Jamaica (which received a scholarship in 1951-52).

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