

arrangement whereby the Preliminary and Final Examinations may be taken by virtue of A.F.C. 344 shall also be continued.

Approval of hospitals as Training Schools were agreed and the Nursing Courses approved.

#### Mental Nurses.

It was agreed that Mr. A. J. Claydon, S.R.N., R.M.N., Chief Male Nurse, St. Augustine's Hospital, Chartham Down, near Canterbury, be invited to serve on the South East Metropolitan Area Nurse-Training Committee for the period until March 31st, 1956, in the place of Miss I. R. Taylor, who has resigned.

#### Disciplinary Cases.

The Registrar was directed to remove the following names from the Register of Nurses:—

Robert Frederick Cornish, S.R.N. 180363; Ernest Walter Rice, S.R.N. 180428; Joyce Myrna Tudor, S.R.N. 177126; Robert John McAllister, S.R.N. 171616.

The Council postponed their judgment on the misconduct proved against James Best, S.R.N. 185233, for a period of two years; and the case of Mary Christina McAuley, S.R.N. 110289, was dismissed.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council will take place on Friday, March 28th, 1952.

### Book Reviews.

MESSRS. BAILLIÈRE, TINDALL & COX, LTD., of 7 and 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W.C.2, have published four new books in the Aids to Nurses Series. One is a new book, and three are new editions of already popular ones:—

**Bagot's Nursing.** Revised by E. C. Wilson and E. Dods-worth. Price 6s. net.

A book in the Elementary Tropical Handbook Series is a text-book for student nurses in those parts where English, in its more technical aspect, presents some difficulty. The author has a lively understanding of their needs and has incorporated in it all the important nursing techniques clearly explained in simple language. This book, in its second edition, is already in use and a useful book for that special field.

**Aids to Medical Nursing.** By M. Hitch, S.R.N. Price 6s. net.

This book is a fourth edition of an already popular text-book. It has been brought up to date by the addition of drawings. The latest treatments are included to bring it up to the moment. We are indebted to Miss Hitch for a useful book which has already proved its worth.

**Aids to Practical Nursing.** By Marjorie Houghton, M.B.E., S.R.N. Price 5s. net.

This book, now produced in its seventh edition, is well known to all student nurses and sister tutors. Its many illustrations are of great value. Miss Houghton has brought it up to date, and one feels sure it will continue to be in great demand.

**Aids to Psychology for Nurses.** By N. Mackenzie, M.A. Price 5s. net.

This is a new book written by Mrs. Mackenzie. It admirably answers the need for a text-book on psychology since it is now a compulsory subject on the syllabus of the General Nursing Council.

Many tutors must have felt the need for a book on this subject which they could recommend to their students. Here the subject, a difficult one, is dealt with in a clear and understandable way. We are indebted to Mrs. Mackenzie whose understanding of our needs has led her to write it.

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## King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

### REPORT OF MEETING OF COUNCIL

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, presiding at a meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, said:—

"This Fund exists for the support, benefit and extension of the hospitals of London. Its policy has always been to conserve its capital resources but to use its income, directly and indirectly, to help the hospitals. We are only now realising how great are the changes that have come over the hospital scene in London in the last decade, quite apart from nationalisation. These changes have occurred in accordance with plan, but without attracting a great deal of attention; and only those who have been in intimate contact with hospitals in the last year or two are fully awake to what is happening.

"In this new hospital world one of the most pressing needs is to find the right sort of home for those who no longer need to be in hospital and especially for those who are getting on in years. When, nearly three years ago, the need for help in this direction began to be obvious we allocated £250,000 to provide a number of houses with gardens and other homely features to which the hospitals could send suitable cases. With this money we are providing nine such houses or homes. Since then the need has become more obvious still and the Council is now being asked to provide an additional £100,000 to enable the Fund to buy and equip three more homes and make twelve in all, as was originally hoped. We are also, as an experiment, financing a small office in the Woolwich area which is co-ordinating the activities of the different agencies caring for old and infirm people and thereby freeing many hospital beds."

The Duke went on to say that the money allocated in recent years to training schemes and staff colleges was now beginning to bear fruit. The School of Hospital Catering opened at St. Pancras in September and was doing good work. He spoke of the interest with which he had visited the Administrative Staff College and the Duchess of Gloucester the Staff College for Nurses. The work of the Nursing Recruitment Service was going on busily, and the numbers of girls guided into hospital training lately had reached new records.

### National Foot Health Week, 1952.

BRITAIN'S SECOND National Foot Health Week will be held in 1952 from June 16th to 21st.

Since the first National Foot Health Week was held, the Bureau has broadened the basis of its educational work, and its Advisory Panel now includes members from various professions concerned with foot care—medicine, surgery, chiropody, physical education, as well as members from the Shoe and Leather trades, together with observers from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

The purpose of National Foot Health Week is to give the general public guidance, in the simplest possible terms, on foot care and footwear. In addition to foot health news and articles in newspapers and periodicals, there will be a four-day exhibition in London, staged at the Exhibition Galleries, Army and Navy Stores, S.W.1, from Tuesday, June 17th to Friday, June 20th. The exhibition will contain new material, with a special section on "Women at Work," demonstrations of fitting women's shoes, and a series of popular lectures for the public by recognised authorities.

National Foot Health Week will afford an excellent opportunity for Medical Officers of Health, School and Industrial Medical Officers, Chiropodists, Health Visitors and all engaged in physical education, to focus public attention on foot care, and to stress, in the words of Sir Wilson Jameson, "every week should be a foot health week."

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