

Nursing Echoes



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ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, the televising for the first time in history of the Watchnight Service, took place at Wesley's Church in City Road, London, and the sound version was sent out on an overseas programme to America.

The singing of the hymns "O God our help in ages past," and "Come let us anew," showed both the choir and congregation—a large representation of Moorfield's Hospital nursing staff could be seen in the distance.

Miss MacKellar, Matron of Moorfields, read the lesson and the Reverend Ronald Spivey, chaplain to the hospital and minister of the church, gave the address.

Just before Big Ben chimed midnight, the choir, conducted by Mr. Ronald Cleall, sang "God be in my head and in my understanding."

In one of the churches at Redhill, the Reverend E. Parker had a large screen erected so that the congregation could join in the service.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to send an annual subscription of £1,000 for 1952 to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND has received a further instalment of £50,000 from the Nuffield Trust for the Special Areas. It will be recalled that in founding this Trust Lord Nuffield provided that any sums that might be available by way of repayment of loans or otherwise from his Trust for the Special Areas should pass to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

A total sum of £1,400,000 has now been received.

MISS E. M. Y. JEFFREY has been appointed Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and will take up her duties in February. Miss Jeffrey trained at University College Hospital, W.C.1, and at Queen's Hospital for Children, London, E.2, and also has a secretarial training. Miss Jeffrey's experience as Assistant Secretary to the Foreign Relief Department of Save the Children Fund, and her war time service in the Middle East when she served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. during which time she was seconded to nurse the King of Egypt, will equip her well for the post she has undertaken, involving as it will contact with Nurses from many countries who visit the headquarters office, seeking introduction to the Hospitals in Great Britain for the purpose of work, or professional visits.

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Monday, December 10th, 1951, at 3 p.m.

The President, Miss H. McLoughlin, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., was in the Chair and there were present Miss M. Thurnham, Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Barber, D.N. (Lond.), Miss A. S. Bryson, Miss M. B. MacKellar, Fellows, and Miss A. A. Ward and Miss Bunch, Members.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

In correspondence the President reported a communication received from a member drawing attention to cases reported in the Press of brutal cruelty to children of tender age, and expressing deep concern on the apparently lenient sentences or acquittal, of the culprits, and asking could not the official organ of the College—the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—give more publicity in this matter.

The meeting, in considering this question, is glad to give the recent information that the County Medical Officers had asked for all cases of children cruelly treated or neglected in their own homes to be reported to them.

Consequently, any such cases are now coming to light and meetings of Welfare Bodies are being held in order to discuss any cases known to them and of how best to deal with them.

Letters were received from Mrs. C. Thomas and Miss A. M. Wells notifying their intended sojourn in the United States of America.

Letters of appreciation and thanks on visiting the History Section of the College were received from a Sister Tutor on behalf of herself and students and four members of the College who were especially pleased to welcome international friends. In connection with the Annual General Meeting of the National Council of Women, Mrs. Thomas Barber, D.N. (Lond.), as the College representative, gave a report.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership of the College were received and all were elected.

Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ending June 30th, 1951, was presented, together with the Annual Report.

Annual General Meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that the Annual General Meeting be held on Wednesday, January 30th, 1952, at 3 p.m. It is hoped that Fellows and Members will make a special effort to attend the meeting, after which their friends will be welcome to join them at Tea at 4 p.m.

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