

## Nursing Echoes.

BRITISH COUNCIL BURSARIES for three months have been awarded to a Turkish Hospital matron and a laboratory technician to enable them to study the work of the Premature Baby Unit of University College Hospital, London.

They are : Mrs. S. K. Batury, Matron of Cerrahpasa Hospital, Istanbul, and Miss Lamia Aygen, laboratory technician responsible for blood counts at the maternity hospital, Ankara.

They arrived in London on April 30th and have taken up their studies at University College Hospital.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF British hospitals is the subject of study by a Finnish hospital matron and an assistant matron who are in the United Kingdom for three months under the British Council's bursary scheme. They are Miss Aili Elisabet Leppänen, Matron in charge of the administration and education of student nurses at University Surgical Hospital, Helsinki, and Miss Irma Orvokke Hiltunen, assistant Matron at the Municipal Hospital of Epidemic Diseases, Helsinki. Both arrived at the beginning of April.

Miss Leppänen began her studies at Middlesex Hospital and will spend some time at Guys and University College hospitals. Miss Hiltunen, after a month at Guys, spent May visiting hospitals in Cambridge, Liverpool and Manchester, returning to London for a final month at Middlesex Hospital.

## 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, May 12th, 1952, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Miss D. de M. Warren D.N. (Lond.), was in the chair, and there were present : Miss R. Bunch, Miss A. S. Bryson, *Fellows* ; Miss C. Cooper, Miss A. A. Ward, and Miss B. West, *Members*.

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

### Correspondence.

In correspondence, letters asking for advice in professional difficulties were considered, and communications reported from Fellows and Members overseas received with interest : from S. Africa, a Fellow looking forward to a tour of sanatoria in Switzerland ; from Australia and New Zealand, expressions of appreciation of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

### Financial Statement.

A satisfactory financial statement was reported and adopted.

### Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

### Appointment of Delegates to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The President, Miss D. de M. Warren, D.N. (Lond.), was unanimously appointed a delegate and Mrs. Thomas Barber, D.N. (Lond.), and Miss M. B. Mackellar re-appointed delegates for the ensuing year.

### Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday, July 16th, at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

## Mr. Robert Donaldson, R.M.N., Retires.

NURSES WILL WISH Mr. Robert Donaldson a happy retirement after a very full and varied career.

He commenced his training as a nurse at Woodville Hospital, Lenzie, Glasgow, and after passing the Final Examination of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, came to London to join the Male Nurses (Temperance) Co-operation in 1900.

In 1908 he was appointed Superintendent of the Edinburgh branch of the Co-operation, and in 1913 returned to London as Superintendent.

Always very keen on the training of Male Nurses (about which it was considered he held too advanced ideas at that time), on the passing of the Nurses Registration Act in 1919 he was approached by Mental Nurses throughout the country to allow his name to go forward for nomination for the first elected General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

He won his seat on the Council and was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee ; with the help of his colleagues he was able to launch the General Nursing Council as a sound financial undertaking.

He had very firm ideas that the General Nursing Council should be the only Examining Body for the Profession, and he strongly urged that the Examinations of the R.M.P.A. should cease. As nurses know, this reform has only just become an accomplished fact, which, though late, must bring a measure of satisfaction to Mr. Donaldson.

He recalls the time when the premises in York Gate became too cramped for the fast expanding work of the General Nursing Council, and he was instrumental in obtaining the lease of the house in Portland Place, although his own Co-operation had been supplied with particulars concerning the rate of the same property. All ended well, as the Male Nurses Co-operation, Ltd., found other premises in Hind Street, but with less accommodation and double the price of the house in Portland Place !

In 1941, Mr. Donaldson was co-opted by the London County Council as a member of their Asylums Committee, and under the National Health Act has been appointed a member of their Management Committees ; he also serves on the Management Committee of two of the largest hospitals in the country.

Although Mr. Donaldson is retiring from his post as Managing Director of the Male Nurses Co-operation, Ltd., he will still be able to keep his professional interests alive.

## A Good Cause.

IT GIVES US MUCH PLEASURE to tell our readers that "Summer Pie," a favourite pre-war Summer Annual is making a welcome re-appearance on Thursday, 12th June, because the entire profits are being devoted to the National Advertising Benevolent Society, which was established in 1913.

Our readers will surely agree with us when we say that life without advertisements, which we now take for granted, would be sombre indeed, and so let us make up our minds to buy a copy of this magazine when we see it on our book-stalls, and thus come to the assistance of those wizards of pencil and brush, and the smaller fry in the advertising world, when misfortune comes their way.

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