

open-air chapel adds to the charm of the whole. So ended the visit to this wonderful place of healing, enshrined as it is in amazing beauty, and the very kind hospitality extended to the party by Sir Geoffrey Todd, the Matron, Miss Schofield, and the nursing staff—will long be remembered with gratitude.

Warm Thanks are due.

On the unqualified success of the three days' course arranged for Secretaries and Treasurers of the Leagues and Associations affiliated to the National Council of Nurses, a debt of gratitude is due to the Executive Secretary, Miss F. Rowe, and for the most generous hospitality extended by the Matrons and Governors of the Hospitals. for the unstinted labour on behalf of the very important work.

A. S. B.

Book Reviews.

"Great Ormond Street" 1852—1952.*

By Thomas Twistington Higgins, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.
(Senior Surgeon at Gt. Ormond Street Hospital).

MR. T. T. HIGGINS has written a most charming and interesting little book to mark the first Centenary of Great Ormond Street Hospital. It contains a fascinating cavalcade of stirring events and famous personalities who guided the destiny of a little ten-bedded hospital from 1852 down through 100 years to the present imposing and world-famous Children's hospital of over 450 beds—so well known today.

Readers who are interested in courageous people of vision, determination and ceaseless activity should read the book in order to remind themselves that Britain still produces men and women of the finest character and calibre; people who are willing and anxious to work hard in order to "put the child first and always"; in order that our country shall be peopled with strong, healthy adults, sound in wind and limb.

Many stirring pen-portraits are drawn of those men and women; doctors, nurses, chairmen and others, whose dedicated lives glow brightly down the Hall of Fame of Great Ormond Street Hospital. These lives stir the imagination of those lovers of history and historic personalities.

Mr. Thomas Twistington Higgins who is the Senior Surgeon of the Children's Hospital deserves congratulations on his fine effort and for so generously declining to receive any royalties from the book. Indeed, Great Ormond Street Hospital is fortunate in its generous and noble friends and in its high-minded and loyal staff.

G. M. H.

* Odhams Press Ltd. Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Price 7s. 6d.

A Textbook on the Nursing and Diseases of Sick Children for Nurses.*

By Various Authors. (Edited by Alan Moncrieff.)

THIS IS THE FIFTH EDITION of this excellent textbook on the Nursing and Diseases of Children. Each division of the book is written by a Medical or Nursing expert, and is, therefore, right up to date. It is a most comprehensive and lucidly written text, profusely and adequately illustrated, rather unwieldy for carrying around, so that students will be deprived of little "on the spot" peeps when they are up against difficulties. But it is a prodigious work deserving the highest admiration.

Its size and high price may prevent it becoming the prized possession of individual Nurses who are taking their Sick Children's or General training—which is a pity, considering the fact that it has been written for Nurses. Perhaps—when the time is ripe for the Sixth edition—much general information could be condensed, or even omitted, which would bring price and size nearer to the capacity of Student Nurses' pockets.

G. M. H.

* H. & K. Lewis & Co., Ltd., 136, Gower Street, London, W.C.1. Price 37s. 6d.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

A MEETING of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on June 27th, 1952.

The congratulations of the Council were offered to Miss M. G. Lawson, a member of the Council, who received the award of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £5,500 for Cash Account, £750 for Postage, and £9,000 for Examiners' Claims were allowed.

It was agreed that £56 7s. 3d. be spent on 1,000 copies of the List of Persons admitted to or removed from the Assistant Nurses Roll, January to April, 1952, and £132 13s. 4d. was agreed for stationery in connection with the election of direct representatives to the Assistant Nurses Committee.

It was agreed that £100 be allowed in connection with further analysis of data relating to student nurses who took part in the investigation conducted for the Council by the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

Registration.

Following a request from the General Nursing Council of Jamaica for the recognition of their training for admission to the Register in this country, a draft agreement, drawn up by the Council's Solicitor, and considered by the Registration Committee at its meeting, was agreed.

Education and Examination.

A Revised Syllabus of Subjects for the Preliminary Examination for the Certificate of General Nursing, for the Certificate of General Nursing for Male Nurses, for the Certificate of Nursing of Sick Children, was considered *in camera*.

It was agreed that the National Institute of Industrial Psychology be authorised to complete a further analysis of data relating to student nurses who took part in the investigation conducted for the Council by the National Institute, in connection with the re-introduction of an Educational Test Examination for entry to the nursing profession.

Disciplinary Cases.

It was agreed that the name of Mrs. Emily Pugh (*nee* Phillips), S.R.N. 122303, be removed from the Register of Nurses, and the cases of Eunice Frances Greene, S.R.N. 37701, and Elsie May Jeeves, S.R.N. 117757, be dismissed.

The Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was arranged for July 25th, 1952.

A Thought for the Month.

Plato; Symposium. Translated by Robert Bridges.

WHEN A MAN PROCEEDING ONWARDS from terrestrial things by the right way of loving, once comes to sight of that Beauty, he is not far from his goal. And this is the right way . . . he should begin by loving earthly things for the sake of absolute loveliness, ascending to that as it were by degrees or steps, from the first to the second, and thence to all fair forms; and from fair forms to fair conduct, and from fair conduct to fair principles, until from fair principles he finally arrives at the ultimate principle of all and learns what absolute beauty is.

"This life, my dear Socrates," said Diotima, "if any life at all is worth living, is the life that a man should live, in the contemplation of absolute Beauty."

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