

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales

AT A MEETING of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales held at the Offices of the Council at 23, Portland Place, London, W., on September 25th, 1953, Miss D. M. Smith, the Chairman, was re-elected for a further term and Miss M. J. Smyth, was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

The following Committees were elected to serve:

Standing Committees.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.—Mr. Bartlett, Miss Catnach, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Knox, Miss Loveridge, Miss Raven, Miss Todd, Dr. Walk.

Registration Committee.—Miss Bell, Miss Dixon, Miss Duff Grant, Miss Hedges, Miss Lane, Miss Lawson, Miss Raven, Miss Smaldon.

Education and Examination Committee.—Miss Baldock, Miss Catnach, Miss Darroch, Miss Delve, Miss Dixon, Miss Graham, Miss Duff Grant, Mr. Ker, Miss Lane, Miss Lawson, Miss Loveridge, Miss Marriott, Miss Ottley, Miss Raven, Mr. Sayer, Miss Smaldon, Dr. Trayer.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council are *ex-officio* members of all Standing Committees.

Statutory Committees.

(To hold office until September, 1954.)

Finance Committee.—*Mr. Bartlett, *Mr. Campbell, *Mr. Constable, *Miss Duff Grant, *Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Hayhurst, *Miss Lane, *Miss Marriott, *Dr. Trayer, Mr. West. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council *ex-officio*.

(To hold office until May, 1958.)

Assistant Nurses Committee.—Mr. Benton, Miss Burns, Miss Butcher, *Miss Catnach, *Miss Darroch, Mr. Lane, *Miss Lawson, *Miss Marriott, *Miss D. M. Smith, Miss J. P. J. Smith, *Miss M. J. Smyth.

(To hold office until December, 1955.)

Mental Nurses Committee.—*Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Craddock, Mr. Dawson, Miss Delve, Miss Gourdie, *Miss Lawson, Dr. Rees, *Miss D. M. Smith, *Miss M. J. Smyth, Mr. Soley, *Dr. Walk, *Miss Waters.

*Member of Council.

Life Shall Not Pass Them By.

WHEN IN AUTUMN of this year, a gracious mullioned house of warm red brick, set in five acres of natural gardens in Derbyshire, opens as a free residential home for the treatment and education for handicapped children, the first steps towards a great pioneering venture will have begun.

It will, it is hoped, be the first of several homes opened by the St. Christopher's Trust, the registered charity formed and supported mainly by parents of handicapped children.

The aims of the Trust, are to establish free, residential schools for these children, so that they may receive such care and attention, including treatment and specialised education as is best adapted to their individual needs. The object being to enable them eventually, wherever possible, to take their places as useful and self-supporting members of the community and not be left to the custodial care of institutional life. Also, that suitable employment should ultimately be found and the child's interest be protected.

Faced with the realisation that their handicapped children were being denied the amenities and companionship afforded normal children; that there was lack of adequate provision for them, and with the sense of urgency and knowledge that unless immediate action was taken life would pass these children by, making them a liability to their parents and the State, a small group of parents met in Leeds in 1951 and formed the nucleus of St. Christopher's Trust. Within two years branches were formed in Manchester and London, bringing the membership to 250.

The finding of Redcourt in its secluded but easily accessible

position near to the main Manchester-Sheffield Road at Glossop, has been a dream come true for the officers of the Trust because of its suitability. It has ten baths, excellent modern kitchens, a large playroom, and ample living accommodation for approximately 50 children. The extensive grounds provide plenty of scope for outdoor activities and occupational therapy.

In buying Redcourt, however, the St. Christopher's Trust have undertaken a grave responsibility, for the aim is to run it unaided for twelve months. If at the end of that time it is approved by the Authorities as an efficient home fulfilling its purpose, the Trust should be eligible for grants towards its support.

St. Christopher's is non-sectarian, but individual religious requirements will be provided.

The ultimate success of this venture will depend largely upon the sympathy and support forthcoming from the public. The Trust is grateful to those who have already helped by sending donations and thank also the countless shoppers who have dropped silver and copper into collecting boxes, and hope for further help from parents and sympathisers, all in fact, who love children and want to help those who start life with such a tremendous handicap.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary of the St. Christopher's Trust, 2, Mount Street, Manchester, 2.

Book Reviews

Nursing Arts*

By Mildred L. Montag, Ed.D., R.N., and Margaret Filson, A.M., R.N.

THIS EXCELLENT practical nursing textbook was primarily written for Student Nurses about to take their first examinations. This all-embracing second edition has been revised, enlarged and reconstructed so that it is now a valuable handbook for teachers of nursing also. It would appear difficult and perhaps fulsome to praise the book as highly as it deserves, yet it is truthful to state that I have never had the pleasure of reading a better book on Nursing Arts.

Quite apart from its learned contents, the book is a lovely thing to possess. It is beautifully bound in a solid cover of a dark shade of wine with green blocks superimposed bearing the title in gold lettering. It is produced on first quality paper, with the clear text standing out well. Bold headlines introduce well-defined paragraphs, whilst the pages are profuse with clear, descriptive photographs and illustrations.

Every aspect of practical nursing is explained, and where necessary, procedures are illustrated. The text is not crowded, nor are methods tediously explained. Order, brevity, yet extreme detail, are provided also, and throughout the book interest is held to an extreme degree.

I particularly like and agree with all that is said in the chapter on Medical Asepsis. We are apt to get careless in the way we "gown and mask" in our infectious diseases units. "Nursing Arts" shows us the perfect way. Particularly, too, I like the sections on Serving of Foods and Fluids—this one is an education in itself, and on Religious needs of the Patients. The book might well have been written in England, for it is a complete text for the required syllabus of training for State Registration in this country. But its luxury and form, paper and detail stamp it as a first-class American edition.

Ambitious Sister-tutors and young Student Nurses (and doctors) who wish to give themselves a really complete and modern practical nursing text-book could not do better than to buy themselves "Nursing Arts." Incidentally it would be an ideal and most welcome Christmas present. G.M.H.

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