

Nursing Echoes.

THE 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the London Hospital League of Nurses will take place on May 2nd, 1953. Arrangements include, a lecture at 10.30 a.m., on "The Romance of the Coronation" by Lawrence E. Tanner, Esq., M.V.O., F.S.A., Keeper of the Muniments and Library, Westminster Abbey, and 11.45 a.m., a talk and demonstration by Miss F. Sampson, M.A.O.T., Head of the Occupational Therapy Department.

DR. EMILE SOMEKH, paediatrician at the Hadassah Hospital, Tel Aviv, is spending three months from March to May at the University College Hospital, London, under a British Council bursary award, doing research into the causes of asthma in children.

Before taking up his present appointment, Dr. Somekh held positions at the Rome University Children's Clinic and at a hospital in Baghdad.

QUEEN VICTORIA is once more helping district nurses—for the second time in their history.

In 1887 she encouraged them by giving £70,000 to train nurses to tend the sick in their own homes.

Now London district nurses announce that they are collecting the pennies and halfpennies issued in her reign.

Said an official of the Central Council for District Nursing today:

"The London service remains voluntary, so we must raise part of our income from voluntary sources.

"There were 457 million pennies, and 360 million halfpennies issued between 1860 and 1901. A small fraction of these would help solve our problems."

AT THE OPENING of a new maternity hospital at Stroud, Gloucestershire, recently, the newly appointed Matron, Miss I. Haskins, formerly Matron of the Cotswold Maternity Home, Tetbury, was congratulated and thanked by Col. H. A. Guy (chairman of the Gloucester, Stroud and The Forest Hospitals Management Committee) for the speedy and efficient manner in which she had engaged staff. Her actions, said Col. Guy had enabled the hospital to open fully manned.

AFTER 27 YEARS' UNTIRING SERVICE as District Nurse in the Cainscross area of Gloucestershire Nurse Jenkins retired recently.

A cheque for £146 was presented to her, accompanied by a letter of appreciation from her friends including the patients she had devotedly served.

With the advent of Spring our thoughts turn to woodlands and the first flowers to spring from Mother Earth.

Our yearly posies of primroses from kind friends in "Glorious Devon" have duly arrived in perfect condition, accompanied by a message in the West country dialect:—

"Yu wan't get a Coronation every yer, but us 'opes you'll get zum Primroses vrom us vor a vew yers yet," 1953.

'Tis a month before the month of May,
And the Spring comes slowly up this way.

COLERIDGE.

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 Tuesday, March 17th, 1953, at 11.30 a.m.

Miss Beatrice West, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., was in the chair. Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

The Meeting expressed pleasure in letters received from Miss I. Clark (Fellow), Matron of the Manor House, Aylesbury, and from Miss S. A. Ramsay (Fellow), Matron of Coppetts Wood Hospital, Muswell Hill, who had accepted nomination to serve on the Council.

Letters of thanks were reported from Fellows and Members overseas expressing warm appreciation of Christmas greetings sent from the Council.

Delegates from the College were appointed: Miss B. West, to attend the Informal Conference to be held by the National Council of Women at their headquarters on Thursday, May 21st, 1953, and Miss A. S. Bryson to attend the Women's Organisation's Committee for Economic Information, conference to be held in Guildford.

Arrangements for acquiring accommodation in a Home for Gentlewomen has been agreed for a Fellow of the College.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for Membership of the College were received and were elected.

Financial Statement.

The financial statement was presented and adopted.

Proposed Closure of Fever Register.

The proposed closure of the Fever Register was considered—and it was agreed to take steps to oppose this course, which under the present unprepared conditions it was considered most ill-advised until a suitable alternative is provided.

Gifts.

From Miss Jessie M. Wilson, Administrator, Brantford General Hospital, a charming historical Guide to Brantford and Brant County, Ontario.

The Meeting then terminated.

What Our Fellows and Members are Doing.

MISS MARGARET TREGO WILLIAMS writes:

"As you know, I am now Tutor Sister, at the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital in Adelaide, South Australia.

"The first building of this hospital was erected in 1901, so is a very young hospital compared to many overseas. It may interest you to know that Lady Tennyson, an Englishwoman and wife of the Governor of South Australia at that time, was responsible for the first building. It was intended that the hospital would supply the need of the genteel poor and no patient was admitted if receiving more than the basic wage.

"Although it has grown in the last 50 years from a small 12-bed to a 100-bed hospital, it is unfortunately not the large modern hospital we would like it to be but with continual alterations and additions, we are able to cope more efficiently with the demands being made upon us, especially the many new Australians we have had to cater for in the last few years, besides our own women.

"To cope with the financial side, now, which is always very great, we receive a Government subsidy and all patients have to pay a fee if possible.

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