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Nursing Echoes.

THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON PARTY of past and present Matrons-in-Chief of the three services was held at the Naval and Military Club on May 5th, 1953. The following were present:-

Navy

Miss J. K. Gillanders, R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.
 Dame Doris Beale, D.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar, Order St. John.

Dame Matilda Goodrich, D.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar.

Army

Brigadier H. S. Gillespie, M.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.
 Brigadier Dame Anne Thomson, D.B.E., R.R.C.
 Miss F. M. Hodgins, C.B.E., R.R.C.
 Miss M. E. Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C.
 Dame Katherine H. Jones, D.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar.
 Dame Louisa J. Wilkinson, D.B.E., R.R.C.

Air Force

Air Commandant R. M. Whyte, R.R.C.
 Dame Joanna Cruickshank, D.B.E., R.R.C.
 Dame Emily Blair, D.B.E., R.R.C.

HOME NURSING IN LONDON is on the increase. In 1952-53, the 300 nurses controlled by the Central Council for District Nursing in London made 1,741,000 visits—186,000 more than in 1951-52.

This trend, and others affecting nursing in the home, were discussed, and an address was given by the Archdeacon of London, at the Annual General Meeting of the Central Council which took place at the County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1., on Thursday, May 21st.

MISS G. M. HARDY, D.N., S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Matron of the Western Hospital, Fulham, is leaving London on June 18th for Copenhagen to study the nursing administration and techniques and any other results of the recent Poliomyelitis epidemic which took place there.

Her visit is being sponsored by the kindness and courtesy of the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board and the Fulham and Kensington Hospital Management Committee.

Miss Hardy has our best wishes for an interesting and inspiring visit.

THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY into the cost of the National Health Service under the Chairmanship of Mr. C. W. Guillebaud, C.B.E., announces that it is now prepared to receive written evidence from persons and organisations interested in its enquiry.

The Committee's terms of reference are as follows:—

“To review the present and prospective cost of the National Health Service; to suggest means, whether by modifications in organisation or otherwise, of ensuring the most effective control and efficient use of such Exchequer funds as may be made available; to advise how, in view of the burdens on the Exchequer, a rising charge upon it can be avoided while providing for the maintenance of an adequate Service; and to make recommendations.”

Memoranda of evidence should be sent as soon as possible either direct to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. E. Halliday, Ministry of Health, Savile Row, W.1., or in the case of Scotland via Mr. R. P. Fraser, Department of Health for Scotland, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, 1.

Hester Maclean Memorial Insignia.

IT IS WITH PRIDE AND pleasure that we have received permission from the Editor of *The New Zealand Nursing Journal* to reprint an article concerning the commemoration of the great service rendered to the nurses of the world in general, and to those of New Zealand in particular, by the late Hester Maclean.

Loved and admired by the late Ethel Gordon Fenwick, Hester Maclean brought the New Zealand Registered Nurses Association into the International Council of Nurses soon after its foundation, and it remains an honoured member to this day.

“During the years which have elapsed since Miss Hester Maclean passed away in 1932, the question of commemorating her life and work has been considered from time to time and it is with pleasure that we record that a suitable memorial has now been instituted.

“The memorial takes the form of an insignia to be worn by the Dominion President of the New Zealand Registered



The late Hester Maclean, Pioneer.

Nurses' Association, and small replicas to be presented to each President as she retires from office.

“The accompanying photograph shows the badge, which is made of gold and silver, and on the back are inscribed the words ‘Hester Maclean, First President, 1909.’ The cherubim incorporated in the design signify the spiritual side of nursing, and the meaning of the five point star, well known to many of our readers, is reprinted in this issue of the *Journal* to serve as a reminder of its import. The badge is attractive in design and will be worn by successive Presidents in the years to come, with pleasure in the beauty of the ornament itself, and in grateful memory of one to whom nurses of this country owe so much.

“Shortly after Miss Maclean's death, the Obstetric Committee of the Association recommended the establishment of a fund from which small prizes or scholarships could be awarded. A total of £260 was raised for this purpose, mainly by the staffs of the St. Helen's hospitals and a few other obstetric hospitals. In 1946, the National Florence Nightingale Committee was anxious to provide a

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