

He has been Vice-chancellor of the University of Durham and was for many years Rector of the Newcastle Division of the University; he has also been Member of Parliament for Hastings.

A COLLEAGUE WRITING FROM Leysin-Feydey in Switzerland says of her work at the Sanatorium situated on the slopes of a mountain just above a large plateau, that the working hours are longer than in England but the work is interesting and the food and accommodation quite good.

Before she left England, she says, she thought she knew a fair amount of French, but everyone seems to speak it differently, there being people of so many nationalities there, but the patients mostly speak English.

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that Gladys M. Hardy's book "Yes, Matron" is being published at the end of July or August by Messrs. E. O. Beck, Ltd., 29, Watling Street, London, E.C.4.

We wish the little book every success and will review it in this Journal when it comes to hand.

We hope her colleagues will be on the look-out for it.

Book Reviews.

Surgery for Nurses.*

By James Moroney, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Eng.),
L.R.C.P. (Lond.).

THERE ARE MANY BOOKS on Surgery and Surgical Nursing written for the student nurse. It is not always easy to make a choice. Here is one which may be recommended. It is well illustrated, concise and clear, covering the field of surgery fully.

Unless one is familiar with the first edition, one is not able to assess any changes, but it is well up-to-date on the after-care and treatment.

The modern trend for good clear diagrams and illustrations is well to the fore and any student studying for her final examinations will obtain all the help she needs from it.

* E. & S. Livingstone Ltd., 16-17 Teviot Place, Edinburgh. Price 27/6 net. Postage 1/3.

Surgical Instruments and Appliances.*

By Harold Burrows and Ronald W. Raven.

HERE IS THE new (fourteenth) edition of a useful little handbook of theatre instruments. It is set out in an orderly arrangement which makes it easy to find any particular set required. It should prove of the greatest help to theatre staffs, especially those who wish to specialise in this work.

It is very well illustrated, showing the many special instruments used today in surgery. Each chapter deals with a different group of operations which makes for easy reference. The authors give also details of care and methods of sterilisation of many of these instruments.

The book is of a handy size and should be of great assistance to theatre Sisters on whom depends so largely the smooth running of an operating theatre.

* Faber & Faber, Ltd., 24 Russell Square, London, W.C.1. Price 8/6 net. U. S.

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on June 17th, 1953, at 3 p.m.

The Vice-President, Miss Margaret E. Thurnham, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., was in the chair.

The chairman, called upon the secretary, Miss A. S. Bryson, to read the notice convening the meeting. This was done and Prayers were read.

In regrets for absence the following letter, received from the President, Miss D. de M. Warren, D.N. (Lond.), was read:—

"Dear Colleagues,—I am sorry that on this occasion I am unable to be with you. I hope you have a very successful meeting and happy afternoon. I think that women are going to have a great part to play in the regeneration of England under our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. The College has always stood firmly for the independence and integrity of women. We should go forward with renewed hope in the future, steadfast in the belief of our illustrious Founder."

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed.

The Annual Report of the Council with the Agenda and Balance Sheet for the period from July 1st, 1951, to December 31st, 1952, which had been circulated to every Fellow and Member were taken as read, and adopted.

The Eleventh Annual Report from July 1st, 1951, to 31st December, 1952.

By arrangement with the Charity Commissioners, the financial year will, in future, end on December 31st. This Report, therefore, covers a period of eighteen months.

In presenting the Audited Accounts for the eighteen months, from July 1st, 1951, to December 31st, 1952, the Council reports a deficiency of income of £1,364, which amount is deducted from the surplus brought forward from June 30th, 1951, of £13,694, leaving a balance of £12,330 to be carried forward.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

It was with great regret that the Council on December 10th, 1951, accepted the resignation of their President, Miss Helena McLoughlin, owing to ill-health. During her four years' service as President the College had never looked back, and Fellows and Members feel a deep sense of gratitude is due to her for all she has done on behalf of the College.

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT.

Miss Dorothy de M. Warren, D.N. (Lond.), Fellow, Vice-President, was unanimously elected President in place of Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

RETIRED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

This year the Council lose by rotation the greatly appreciated services of Mrs. Mabel C. Barber and Miss Mabel Wakefield, Fellows.

NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

The following nominations for election have been received—as Fellows, Miss Miriam I. Clark, S.R.N., Matron, The Manor House, Aylesbury, Bucks, and Miss Sarah A. Ramsey, S.R.N., Matron, Coppetts Wood Hospital, Muswell Hill, London, N.10.

The experience of these ladies will, we feel sure, be invaluable in the deliberations of the Council.

The Council has continuously kept in active touch with members, and has dealt effectively with all the business of the College with economy.

The clerical staff have attended throughout the year, and

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