

breaking on golden sands just around the corner. Babies were in garden prams, rows and rows of them, on grassy lawns. Everywhere was happy activity.

How we envied them the great numbers of smart porters, everywhere helping. They carried beds and stretchers out into the gardens; they assisted the physiotherapists in teaching the cripples to walk; they assisted with mechanical emergencies and took charge of the oxygen and suction cylinders. They were alert, smart men!! Just before lunch Matron found deck chairs for us in the nurses' garden for half an hour. What a lovely secluded garden it was. Nurses in complete freedom and privacy were sunbathing in sun-suits. The sunken garden was entirely surrounded. Shady trees and beautiful flower beds added greatly to its attraction and we could not help contrasting this most necessary amenity with the lack of gardens in English hospitals. The nurses were brown-skinned and healthy looking, totally oblivious of anything save the sun's rays and a sleepy well-being. No doubt the garden was a great asset to the hospital, for the nurses loved working at Blegdam, and openly said so.

Wednesday, June 24th, was a free day, and so we made a sea trip to Sweden. It was a glorious crossing, and we enjoyed every moment of it. We were really cool and comfortable. Our big problem was quite a common one for English people visiting Denmark. To eat or not to eat, that was the question? We ate! Daily whackings of strawberries and cream; great, big luscious berries and real cream! Various kinds of bread with lashings of fresh Danish butter! Steaks in profusion, delicious salads and vegetables, golden fruits and big, fat bananas. Wonderful, wonderful, Copenhagen!! No wonder we didn't sleep well at nights. It was not only because of the heat and the funny little trams clanking past our bedroom windows until the early hours! The stimulus of the Tivoli Gardens was also quite enough to keep us awake at night—in addition to causing a great strain on our travel allowance!

Thursday, June 25th, found us back at work again in Blegdam. We joined Dr. Neukirsch again and much enjoyed his clinical round, present at which were two English doctors. On this day, the heat was almost unbearable. In the Polio wards where the chronic patients lay, it was like being in hot ovens—so many people were working in the wards. Dr. Neukirsch pointed out just how difficult it was to say whether or not a patient was hopelessly incurable, for some were progressing with breathing after nine months' illness. These patients were fed T.D.S. (or six hourly) by nasal catheter with food of a high protein and vitamin content, and it was really remarkable to note the good condition of their general health.

(To be continued.)

Nursing Echoes

WE WOULD LIKE to express our thanks on the production of the Coronation Number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to the donors of the articles which adorned that issue, and which we feel has provided what we most desired, that every reader would be in possession of a tangible commemoration to keep and treasure of the dawning of a new and great epoch, and which only could have been achieved by the unstinted efforts of our Printers—George Berridge & Co., Ltd.—and we would, of course, not forget the arduous and faithful services of our staff.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 158 nurses to be Queen's Nurses; 123 in England, 3 in Wales, 25 in Scotland, and 7 in Northern Ireland,

The International Council of Nurses.

WE ARE SURE the thoughts of our readers have turned very often during July to Brazil, where the International Council of Nurses has been holding its Quadrennial Congress.

We are sure our British delegates will have learned much from conferring with their colleagues across the Atlantic.

We learn that the new President of the International Council of Nurses for the next Quadrennial period is Mlle. M. Bihet, the Director of the Edith Cavell-Marie Depage Institut in Brussels, and former President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses.

She is a member of the Education and Ways and Means Committees of the I.C.N. and has taken an active part in the Western European Nursing Group. Mlle. Bihet is well known in this country, having for many years been a member of the Board of Directors.

The retiring President, Miss Gerda Höjer (Sweden), has been elected First Vice-President, Miss Katharine Densford (U.S.A.) is the Second Vice-President, and Miss L. Duff Grant R.R.C. (Great Britain) is the Third Vice-President. Miss G. E. Davies has been re-elected as Treasurer.

The countries who have been admitted as new members to the International Council of Nurses are Ceylon, Chile, Pakistan, Luxembourg, N. Rhodesia, and Jamaica and Trinidad, the first two British Colonies.

We are intensely interested to learn that two representatives from Korea were there: Mrs. On Soon Kim and Mrs. Lee, who so graciously presented illuminated addresses to those countries who helped them to re-establish their nursing schools after the devastation caused by the late war, of which Great Britain was one.

Much appreciation was expressed at the honour paid to the British, United Kingdom and Commonwealth delegates by the British Ambassador and Lady Geoffrey Thompson when a party was held for them in Rio de Janeiro.

Miss Gerda Höjer, the retiring President, gave the Watchword for the next Quadrennial period—

RESPONSIBILITY

The next Congress of the International Council of Nurses is to take place in Rome.

Appointment of Chief Nursing Officer

FOLLOWING THE RECENT resignation of Miss J. M. Calder, Chief Nursing Officer in the London County Council's Public Health Department, Miss Evelyn Robinson has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Miss Robinson is at present Superintendent School Nurse/Health Visitor to the Lancashire County Council, a position which she has held since September, 1947.

For ten years Miss Robinson worked as health visitor in Durham, Darlington and Kent. Then in 1943 she became Assistant Superintendent of Health Visitors, Manchester, and in the following year was appointed Superintendent of Health Visitors, Northamptonshire, a position which she held until her appointment to Lancashire.

Miss Robinson serves on the panel of examiners for the health visitors' examination of the Royal Sanitary Institute and for the past four years has been Recording Secretary for the Health Visitors' Conference of the Royal Sanitary Institute Health Congress,

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