

Nursing Echoes.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH, the Queen Mother, has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 255 nurses to be Queen's Nurses—210 in England, 35 in Scotland, five in Wales and five in Northern Ireland.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW nearly complete for the Commemoration, fifty years ago, of the departure of Florence Nightingale and her band of nurses for the Crimea; also the foundation, in 1904, of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Mrs. Woodham Smith will speak on the life of Florence Nightingale on May 9th, after the 9 p.m. news, and on May 11th a television programme will be presented at 3 p.m.

On the morning of May 12th the usual laying of wreaths on the statue of Florence Nightingale in Waterloo Place, London, at 7.30 a.m., followed by a Communion celebration in the Nurses' Chapel in Westminster Abbey; and at 6 p.m. a Thanksgiving Service is to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral in the presence of many distinguished guests, nurses and their friends.

On May 29th, an International Fair is to be held at Nightingale House, London, and in the evening of June 3rd a Concert has been arranged at the Albert Hall when the United Hospitals Choir will perform the Hymn of Praise and Dame Myra Hess has also promised to be there.

On June 24th, the Lord Mayor of London will preside at a dinner at the Mansion House; among special guests to this function will be Lady Churchill and Mrs. Anthony Eden.

AT THE MEETING of the Central Midwives Board held on April 1st, 1954, Mr. Arnold Walker, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., was re-elected as Chairman and Professor A. A. Moncrieff, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

SIXTEEN SPECIALISTS FROM eight European countries have recently taken part in a course on anaesthesia arranged by the British Council and the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Course members were divided into three groups for visits to fifteen London teaching and specialist hospitals where they attended practical demonstrations in the operating theatres. These gave members an opportunity of seeing modern methods on anaesthesia, including its diagnostic and therapeutic applications, and the whole field of surgery was covered. Four evenings were devoted to informal discussions with the demonstrators.

Members attending the course were:

AUSTRIA: Dr. Armin Benzer, Anaesthetist, Surgical Department, University Clinic, Graz; and Dr. Eric Wayand, Vice-President of the Austrian Society of Anaesthetists;

BELGIUM: Dr. R. M. Delahaye, Anaesthetist, Cool-singel Hospital, Rotterdam; Dr. J. J. L. O. Lemaire, Assistant Anaesthetist, Brugmann University Hospital, Brussels; and Dr. M. J. A. Wilmotte, Anaesthetist, Merlot Clinic, Seraing;

FINLAND: Dr. P. V. Savolainen, Senior Anaesthetic Registrar, Maria Hospital, Helsinki;

GERMANY: Dr. Braeutugam, Anaesthetist in Staedt, Krankenanstalten, Remscheid;

ITALY: Professor R. Basso, Head Surgeon, Civil Hospital, Catanzaro; Dr. E. Bortoluzzi, Anaesthetist, Ospedale di Circolo, Varese; Dr. W. Coppola, Chief Anaesthetist, Surgical Department, University Clinic, Perugia; Dr. V. Freyrie, Assistant, Surgical Department, University Clinic, Pavia; Dr. E. Pastore, Assistant Anaesthetist, Surgical Department, University Clinic, Perugia; and Dr. Resegotti, Assistant, Surgical Department, University Clinic, Pavia;

NORWAY: Dr. L. Andersen, Anaesthetist, University Clinic, Bergen;

PORTUGAL: Dr. J. B. T. V. Bomfim, Anaesthetist, Hospital dos Capuchos, Lisbon;

SWITZERLAND: Dr. W. R. Schuster, Anaesthetist. Attending Post Graduate course in Paris.

TWENTY SPECIALISTS IN plastic surgery from nine countries are taking part in a two weeks course on "Plastic Surgery," arranged by the British Council and directed by Sir Archibald McIndoe, which is being held at the Plastic Surgery and Jaw Injuries Centre of the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, Surrey, from April 5th to 15th.

The course, which is the first on this subject to be arranged by the British Council, gives a comprehensive picture of the field of plastic surgery, maxillo-facial surgery and allied specialities. Lectures are being given by the surgical staff and members of the course watch operations being performed at the hospital.

Members of the course, each of whom pays a fee of £35, come from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Italy and Portugal.

The Plastic Surgery unit of the Queen Victoria Hospital was initiated in 1939 and during the war the hospital was mainly concerned with war and air raid casualties. Since that time the work has extended in scope and amount, being directed largely towards the treatment of industrial injuries, congenital deformities, and traffic accident cases.

ADORNING OUR DESK are bunches of delightful primroses from friends in Devonshire; this yearly gesture is greatly appreciated as well as the message which accompanied the gift: "Us 'opes you'll enjoy gettin' these yer primroses as much as us enjoys zending 'em. 1954."

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