

neither shall he eat," and when men and women are too old to carry on their usual work, they are taught a new and easier trade, and if still unable to do this, they are sent to a rest home or to their own homes. Chronic mental cases are sent to hospital only if it is absolutely necessary. The psychiatrist visits his patients from time to time in their own homes.

Occupational therapy is being developed in the mental hospitals and plays a very important part in the treatment, but the patients are put to work in factories nearby, not in the hospital. Electro and hydrotherapy are frequently used and continuous narcosis is also practised.

Alcoholics are treated in a hospital called the Alcoholic hospital, the patient is usually admitted voluntarily, but has to stay for quite a long time, in some cases months, for treatment, which includes attending classes for the improvement of his mind, such as economics and socialism. When finally cured, he starts work in a factory. Social workers follow up these patients by keeping in touch with them constantly.

### Prize Essay Competitions.

#### Royal Sanitary Institute Announces Attractive Awards for Subjects dealing with Building, Fuel and Health Visitors.

A NUMBER OF PRIZE ESSAY competitions are announced by the Royal Sanitary Institute for which attractive cash prizes will be awarded.

The John Edward Worth Prize (the funds are provided by a legacy left by the late John Edward Worth, a Fellow of the Institute), is to be awarded for the best essay on "The Advantages and Disadvantages in the use of Alternative Materials as Substitutes for Traditional Materials in Building Construction, Sanitary Appliances and Fittings."

The award which will take the form of a cash prize of £70, is to be used for the study of domestic sanitary science in Europe.

The John S. Owens Prize (the funds are provided by a legacy left by the late John S. Owens, a Fellow of the Institute), is to be awarded for an essay on "Modern Practices in the Conservation of Heat, with special reference to Smokeless Fuel Appliances." The prize will consist of 20 guineas.

A prize of £21 is also to be awarded for the best essay on "Suggestions for the Training of Health Visitors to Meet the Present-Day Conception of the Health Visitors' Work." Health visitors are invited to discuss the advantages and disadvantages to a health department of an all-purpose nurse.

The competitions are open to all, excepting that relating to the John Edward Worth Prize, in which particular case entries are restricted to persons resident in the British Isles.

Full particulars regarding these prize essay competitions, the closing date for which is December 31st, 1954, can be had from the Secretary, The Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

### Nursing Echoes.

THE COUNCIL OF THE British College of Nurses, Ltd., recently had the pleasure and privilege of entertaining to tea Miss E. M. Foulkes Pritchard, a Foundation Fellow of the College, a time-honoured friend.

Everyone present greatly appreciated learning of her outstanding and versatile activities in support of her beloved Profession, which, to-day, sees her recognised as an International personality—unique in gaining recognition as a Registered Nurse in Great Britain, South Africa and the United States of America!

Needless to say, Miss Pritchard's arrival in England is a most pleasurable surprise.

AN INTERNATIONAL FAIR is being organised by the Old Internationals Association of the Florence Nightingale Scholars and Fellows of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation on Saturday, May 29th, 1954, in aid of the Florence Nightingale Fund Appeal.

This is to be opened at 3 p.m. by Donald Wolfitt, Esq., C.B.E., and is to be held at Florence Nightingale House, 173, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.5.

Nurses are heartily invited to attend and bring their friends: there will be many attractions, bargain stalls, tea, music, etc.

Florence Nightingale House is five minutes' walk from Earls Court Station, or Bus No. 74 to Lexham Gardens.

THE 1954 National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis Sister Tutor Course Scholarship has been awarded to Mr. Norman Timmins, Charge Nurse and Tutor at Hawkmoor Chest Hospital, Bovey Tracey, Devon. Mr. Timmins trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Milton, Portsmouth, and has also worked at Brighton General Hospital, and Preston Hall Sanatorium, where he obtained the British Tuberculosis Association Certificate, with Honours. He will commence studies in September at the Battersea Polytechnic, where Miss Joyce Outhwaite of Ormskirk, Lancashire, who won the 1953 Scholarship, is at present taking the Course.

All the candidates for the scholarship were of a very high standard, and the Committee had great difficulty in making a selection from the five men invited to attend for interview.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH is meeting representative long-service blood donors from all parts of England and Wales at an afternoon Party at the Ministry on 10th May, when he will present gold badges to those who have given 50 or more donations. At the same time Mr. Macleod will take the opportunity to review the achievements of the National Blood Transfusion Service and to launch a new appeal for more blood donors. Among the guests will be the Regional Directors and Regional Donor Organisers of the Service as well as representatives of various voluntary organisations.

DR. AVEOIS DONABEDIAN, who, since 1949 has been university physician and director of the health service at the American University, Beirut, Lebanon, is in the United Kingdom until mid-July on a three months' British Council bursary to study university and school health schemes.

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