

- 1 p.m. Lunch at the Staff Colleges of the King Edward Hospital Fund for London, 147, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7, and 22, Holland Park, London, W.11, and talk on the work of the Fund afterwards.
- 6 to 7.30 p.m. Cocktail Party at the Royal Free Hospital as guests of the Chairman and Board of Governors of the Royal Free Hospital.
- Wednesday, May 19th.*
- 10.45 a.m. Arrive at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C.1. Talk by Miss WAREHAM, Physiotherapist, on the work of the Physiotherapy Department, and tour of the Department.
- Lunch at St. Bartholomew's Hospital as guests of the Matron, Miss Loveridge and Nursing Staff.
- Afternoon By train to Bromley Hospital, Kent, where a talk will be given by MR. GREENING, F.R.C.S.
- Tea as guests of the Matron, Miss Berkeley and the Nursing Staff.
- Return to London by train.
- Evening Free.
- Thursday, May 20th.*
- 9.30 a.m. Coach. Visit to Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5. Lecture on "Some Aspects of Psychiatric Nursing" and a tour of the Hospital.
- Lunch as guests of the Matron, Miss M. Robinson and the Hospital Board of Governors.
- Afternoon Free.
- Evening Concert at the Royal Festival Hall.
- Friday, May 21st.*
- 8.15 a.m. Coach. Visit to Plastic and Jaw Unit, Rooksdown House, Basingstoke, Hampshire, by kind permission of the Matron.
- 10.30 a.m. MR. PATRICK CLARKSON, F.R.C.S.
"The Scope of Modern Plastic Surgery."
- 11.15 a.m. Coffee.
- 11.30 a.m. MR. CHARLES McCASH, F.R.C.S.E.
"The Plastic and Jaw Surgery Centre and its work."
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch at the Swan Hotel, Sherborne St. John.
- 1.45 p.m. MR. NORMAN ROWE, F.D.S.
"Some aspects of Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery."
- 2.30 p.m. MR. DOUGLAS REID, F.R.C.S.
"Surgery of Cancer and Radiotherapy."
- 3.15 p.m. MR. A. J. EVANS, F.R.C.S.
"Modern Treatment of Burns."
- 4.00 p.m. Tea.
Arrive back at the Royal Free Hospital 7.30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 22nd.*
- 9 a.m. Coach. Day at Oxford.
Lecture by DR. ALEXANDER COOKE, D.M., F.R.C.P., entitled "Thrombo-Embolitic Accidents", at the Lecture Theatre, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.
- Afternoon Visit to Merton College, Oxford, where Dr. Cooke has kindly consented to show members of the Course over his own College.
Tea in Oxford.
Return to London.
- Sunday, May 23rd.*
To be arranged.

Infectious Hospitals Matrons' and Nurses' Association.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' and Nurses' Association was held by the kind invitation of the Matron, Miss L. Withers and the Hospital Management Committee, at Kendray Hospital, Barnsley, Yorks, on Saturday, May 1st, 1954, at 3 p.m.

The President, Miss A. A. Ward, S.R.N., was in the chair, supported by the Vice-President, Miss L. E. Withers, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, Hon. Treasurer, and Miss I. Gregory.

In a rousing welcome to some 30 members assembled, the hostess, Miss L. E. Withers, said:
Madam Chair, Members of Committee, Ladies,

May I, first of all, extend to you on behalf of the Management Committee, a very warm welcome to Kendray Hospital, one and all. I consider it a very great privilege indeed that the Provincial Meeting is being held at this Hospital. I feel it is of some significance in that it is the first meeting held in the Provinces since we became a joint Association of Matrons and Nurses.

It is of importance owing to the fact that the Fever Register is to remain open. We are all glad of that. I feel it has been brought about by the hard work and perseverance of the Committee of the Infectious Diseases Matrons' Association. It has not been easy, and I can assure you that small band of Matrons worked exceedingly hard to retain it.

We have the honour of having with us today Miss Ward, who is President of our Association; she is also Matron of one of the London Fever Hospitals.

Miss Stewart Bryson is our Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and is now a retired Matron.

Miss Gregory is a member of the Committee, and Matron of another Fever Hospital in London.

In my opinion, it is to these ladies that we owe our success on maintaining the Register. As you all know, for quite a number of years, the future of the Fever Nurses and Fever Hospitals appeared to be at stake. It was a great bogey to have over our heads, threatening at every moment to take away that which we had worked hard to obtain, and feeling that something we loved and honoured may be, perhaps, cast aside. What a thought! However, it was there and could not be treated lightly.

We were often greeted with "Fever is a means to a dead end." Qualified Fever Nurses, especially those with years of experience, felt they were being pushed into the background.

Miss Ward, our President, was aware of all this, and caused some urgent appeals to be sent out requesting Fever Hospital Matrons to meet and decide whether or not it was worth trying to continue—anyway, she required a decision.

Although our future was at stake and the Meeting was so important, very few qualified Fever people put in an appearance. The response to so important an appeal was most disheartening. I, too, felt that the end of so noble a part of the Nursing Profession was in sight.

It seemed deplorable that such a thing was about to happen, which it might easily have done. Our success, to-day, I feel sure, we owe very much to our President. Knowing the position and the echo ringing in our ears, "that no good could come of it, so why bother to attend the Meeting," was the reply from some.

Miss Ward, it was obvious, had no intention of being beaten without another try, and she very quietly and very determinedly made the decision that we go on trying, to which we readily acquiesced. It resulted in various important Bodies being approached and contacted. This was not easy, but it was brought about, and it was very gratifying to know that we met with such sympathy and understanding, and ultimately success. We soon realised that in our President, although so quiet-looking and unobtrusive, we had a great power behind us. I can assure you it gave us great courage to carry on,

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