

The International Council of Nurses, founded in a century when professional work for women and organisation for such work was all but unknown, has during its 54 years of activity won the support and loyalty of nurses the world over. It has survived two world wars and built up bonds of fellowship which neither wars nor the repercussions of war can sever. In so doing it has become an instrument not only in the cause of health but in the cause of peace and goodwill.

It has allied itself on behalf of its members with great and beneficent health movements and is playing its part as a self-governing and highly organised professional group in world deliberations.

"The past is inspiring, the future is challenging, the present is our responsibility." While shouldering our responsibilities, and in the consciousness of the achievements of the past which we have inherited, nurses in all countries are planning for the future so that when succeeding generations look back on us our pages of history will seem no less inspiring than the best that went before.

Nursing Echoes.

WIDESPREAD INTEREST in British medicine and nursing has been aroused in Turkey as the result of an exhibition on the subject arranged by the Turco-British Association and the British Council, which was shown in Ankara during March and in Istanbul during the second half of April. A large section of the exhibition commemorated the centenary of Florence Nightingale's work in the Crimea.

Miss Lucy Duff Grant, Matron of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, who was invited to Turkey by the Turkish Nursing Association for the Florence Nightingale Centenary Celebrations attended the showing of the exhibition in Istanbul.

The Florence Nightingale centenary was also commemorated in Afghanistan by a World Health Organisation exhibition in Kabul on World Health Day on April 7th. The British Council contributed to the exhibition two films.

WE HAVE MUCH pleasure in announcing that Miss Beatrice Cooper, F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron of Overstrand Hall Convalescent Home, Cromer, Norfolk.

Miss Cooper was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, London, and has held appointments as Matron of the Lloyd Hospital, Bridlington and St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, London. We wish Miss Cooper a very happy term of office and much success in her new appointment, though we feel London will be the loser of this brilliant member of the Nursing Profession.

THE FOURTH COMMONWEALTH Health and Tuberculosis Conference is being arranged for June, 1955.

The Conference will take place at the Royal Festival Hall, London, from June 21st to 25th, and it is hoped that this will prove a large and more extensive Conference in every way than its predecessors.

Lectures, Discussions and Clinical Meetings will be held on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and Practical Demonstrations and Visits to Sanatoria, Hospitals and Clinics are being arranged for June 24th and 25th.

The Conference fee is four guineas for four days, or thirty shillings for a single day or session.

British Medical Association.

Nurses' Prize Essay Competition, 1954

Category (i)—Student Nurses

- Title* .. "Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living in or out of the hospital."
1st Prize .. Lesley W. Elliott (Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford).
2nd Prize .. Claire B. Chetwynd (Royal Northern Hospital, London, N.7.).

Highly Commended:

Mary Restell (Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1.).
 Stephanie A. Harrington (General Hospital, Newmarket).

- Commended* Eileen M. Stoneham (Lincoln County Hospital).
 Kathleen Stirk (York County Hospital).

Category (ii)—State Registered Nurses working in Hospital.

- Title* .. "In what way can the nurse help in preparing a hospital patient for return to family life?"
1st Prize .. Florence I. Radley (Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1.).
2nd Prize .. Daphne J. Bonnett (Bedford General Hospital).

Category (iii)—State Registered Nurses not working in Hospital.

- Title* .. "In what ways can the home nursing and nursing aftercare services relieve the burden on the hospital?"
1st Prize .. Agnes M. Dalton (Coventry).
2nd Prize .. Elizabeth C. Wilson (Martock, Somerset).

THE SPEEDING-UP OF the prosecution procedure in respect of smoke nuisance offenders is recommended by the Royal Sanitary Institute.

This is dealt with in some detail in the June issue of the R.S.I. Journal, which publishes the recommendations which the Institute has made to the Committee on Air Pollution.

It advocates, among other things, that a national standard of smoke nuisance should be established.

EXCURSION TO BLENHEIM PALACE.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE for Thursday, 29th July, 1954, to visit Blenheim Palace, the home of the Dukes of Marlborough and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

Tentative plans have been made for a coach to leave the headquarters of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., 19, Queens Gate, London, S.W.7, at 12 noon; the cost of tickets is 10s. 6d. per person, exclusive of the entrance fee to Blenheim, which is 2s. 6d. and tea for which arrangements will be made at a moderate cost.

Members are invited to bring a friend or friends with them if they wish, and those wishing to avail themselves of this unique opportunity are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, The British College of Nurses, Ltd., not later than 30th June, enclosing the cost of the ticket.

Members are requested to bring a picnic lunch with them,

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