

Nursing Echoes.

THE GRAND COUNCIL of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will meet at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, London, E.1, on Friday, December 2nd, 1955, at the invitation of Miss G. Ceris Jones, Matron, and the Hospital Board of Governors.

We learn that owing to the amount of business there will be a morning and afternoon session.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL of Nurses invites applications for the post of Publications Officer. The selected applicant must have had experience of editing and journalistic work and should preferably be a nurse. Knowledge of languages an asset. Salary £800 to £1,000 per annum. Appointment to be made within this scale according to experience. Further particulars may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses, 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, to whom applications should be sent together with three recent references not later than December 31st, 1955. It is hoped to make the appointment early in 1956.

THE FIRST Sudanese woman to come to the United Kingdom on a British Council bursary is Miss Howa Salih Kabashi, nursing tutor at Omdurman Nurses, Training School. She is here until November to study nursing, midwifery and hospital administration.

After attending a short introductory course at the Royal College of Nursing, she is studying at St. James's Hospital, Balham, from 12th September to 5th November. She goes to Birmingham Maternity Hospital from 7th to 16th November and to Bristol Maternity Hospital from 16th to 25th November.

WE HEARTILY CONGRATULATE the Frontier Nursing Service, Lexington, Kentucky, upon having celebrated its thirtieth birthday. Many congratulations to Mrs. Breckinridge and her band of workers.

In their Quarterly Bulletin we find this gem:—

A Dog's Prayer for His Master.

"O Lord of humans, make my master faithful to his fellow-men as I am to him. Grant that he may be devoted to his friends and family as I am to him. May he be open-faced and undeceptive as I am; may he be true to trust reposed in him as I am to his.

"Give him a face cheerful like unto my wagging tail; give him a spirit of gratitude like unto my licking tongue. Fill him with patience like unto mine that awaits his footsteps uncomplainingly for hours; fill him with my watchfulness, my courage and my readiness to sacrifice comfort or life.

"Keep him always young in heart and crowded with the spirit of play even as I. Make him as good a man as I am a dog; make him worthy of me, his dog."

Written by Captain Will Judy

Editor of *Dog World*

Kentucky Happy Hunting Ground, July, 1955.

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

Christmas Sale.

THE SALE ARRANGED for October 1st has been postponed until Wednesday, November 23rd, 1955. The Council will be most grateful for any help to make this Sale (for College Funds) a success.

Gifts should be sent to the British College of Nurses, Ltd., 19 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

Meeting of the Council.

A meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., has been arranged for Wednesday, October, 12th, at 2.30 p.m.

News from a Member in South Australia.

"The years do slip by quickly, and life is so very full that one feels one cannot cope with anything like all one wishes to do.

"Life at the hospital continues, as usual, to be very busy. Unfortunately we are still faced with the problem of shortage of staff and at times of trainees also. I have been very happy in having a 100 per cent. pass list with my nurses again, so far, this year and we are now very busy getting ready for the November examinations.

"Last week we had a refresher course and enjoyed some very interesting and stimulating lectures.

"Winter is again over, for which I am very thankful. Now we are having lovely warm spring days and the gardens are full of gay spring flowers and blossoming trees. From the Press I learn that part of your English summer has been very trying, with heat waves that have told on the young and old; extremes in temperature are, indeed, difficult for many to bear.

"My best wishes for the continued good work of the College.
M. T. W."

Miss Hornsby-Smith Opens New Centre at Croydon.

CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL at the age of five have, on average, five of their teeth missing, decayed or filled, said Miss Patricia Hornsby-Smith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, when she opened the new Stroud Green Dental Centre at Croydon recently.

While the dentist can treat dental disease and decay if he is consulted in time, it is just as important, said Miss Hornsby-Smith, "to emphasise that dental disease is to a great extent preventable by personal care."

The expectant mother needed to be reminded that she should take her welfare milk and welfare foods to help build up the baby's teeth before birth. Later he would need foods which would exercise and clean his teeth, and he should be taught to clean his teeth regularly.

"There is no doubt that one of the main causes of the increase in dental decay since the end of the war has been the greatly increased consumption of sweets," she said. Children should not eat sweets all day, and teeth should be brushed or the mouth rinsed after they had been eaten. To clean their teeth before retiring and send them to bed with a mouthful of sweets or biscuits is asking for trouble.

The new centre will house a dental service for pre-school and school children and expectant and nursing mothers.

October.

"Then came October, full of merry glee,
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SPENSER.

(October was anciently called "Wine month.")

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