

worthwhile from the standard of nurses who have taken this pre-nursing course. There is, however, no doubt of the appeal of the course because of the rise in number from 27 in 1952 to its present strength of 155 students.

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In this world of ceaseless change and mortals deplore the inevitable repercussions on some essential principle, there come blessed moments when we realise the rise of a movement which surpasses our dreams of comprehension:—

The Organisation of Pre-Nursing Educational Schools.

It was therefore a happy experience to visit the Sheffield Pre-Nursing Educational Centre, Clarendon Place, on 28th October, where we were most cordially received by the Principal, Mrs. Wyatt.

This Centre was originally a fine old mansion of those spacious times of the past, and now after internal reconstruction has been converted for this modern and valuable purpose of the School.

A tour of some eight class rooms where well ordered classes of students were in progress gave one the sequel of the remarkable success achieved in the Sheffield Centre.

Surely this system will prove to be the answer to the filling of the gap between the School-leaving age and that of entering for general training.

We feel that the City of Sheffield is to be congratulated on its choice of Principal, Mrs. Wyatt, who prepares so successfully so many reputable candidates for their hospitals.

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The British College of Nurses Ltd.

A MEETING OF THE Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Wednesday, November 9th, 1955, at 2.30 p.m.

Vice-President, Miss A. R. Bunch was in the chair. Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes appreciation was expressed for donations and dainty gifts received from Fellows and Members towards the Bring and Buy Sale.

The financial statement was reported and adopted. Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

The meeting expressed very sincere sympathy with Miss Beatrice West, whose unavoidable absence from the meeting was owing to the sudden death of her beloved sister Florence Victoria West.

Although retired from active work, Miss Florence West had in spite of indifferent health given most valuable help as Acting Secretary to the Infectious Hospitals Matrons Association, which will be remembered with gratitude by the association; and our sympathy goes out to her sisters who will greatly miss her.

The meeting then terminated.

Bring and Buy Sale.

IT WAS A very friendly gathering of members and friends, who spent a busy afternoon on November 23rd at the British College of Nurses, on the Bring and Buy Sale.

Heartening indeed the sight of the array of so many pretty and useful gifts, and to see them quickly disappearing into the purchasers' hands, to almost a clean sweep!

The Council are deeply appreciative and would like to take this opportunity of thanking Fellows and Members for their prompt and generous response, which came in a charming variety of things, or by cheques, all of which has contributed towards the proceeds of some £36.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

A MEETING OF THE Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was held at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, by the kind permission of the Matron, Miss G. Ceris Jones and the Board of Governors of the London Hospital, on December 2nd, 1955.

Miss L. G. Duff Grant, President was in the chair.

The morning was given up to receiving a report on the Meetings of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses held at Istanbul in September, 1955, presented by Miss M. Craven, R.R.C., and a report on her visit to the United States of America and Canada by the Executive Secretary, Miss F. Rowe.

Miss Craven told us of the Meeting of the Board of Directors, that the theme for the watchword for the next period was Responsibility, and of the beauties of Turkey and of the hotel overlooking the Bosphorus.

After some consultation it was decided to suggest that the theme for the watchword should be "Responsibility of the Nurse in regard to Mental Health."

Miss Frances Rowe, the Executive Secretary, told us of as much of her tour in the United States of America and Canada as time permitted.

She learnt a great deal from her travels but we gathered she found that true bedside nursing is not to be found in that Continent.

She was greatly entertained and shown much that was of the greatest value and interest.

It warmed our hearts to learn that she had visited our dear Miss Lavinia Dock in Pennsylvania, the first secretary of the International Council of Nurses, and of course a very old lady now.

After a press conference Miss Rowe gave, expressing the ethics of nursing at home, the local paper next day produced a picture of her with the caption "Fevered brow phase of nursing has gone" !!!

The meeting then adjourned and was entertained to a very delicious buffet lunch at the Hospital.

At 1.45 p.m. we attended a service in the beautiful St. Philip's Church, adjoining the hospital, conducted by the vicar, who stressed the point that the work of doctors, nurses and priests was very much bound together. He congratulated the National Council of Nurses upon having passed the half century of work.

At the conclusion of the service, the vicar stood by the door of the church and shook hands with each member of his congregation and had a word of encouragement for each.

The meeting re-assembled at 2.15 p.m. for the afternoon session.

Newly Affiliated Associations.

Two new Leagues of Nurses had been affiliated to the National Council of Nurses during the year:

The League of Nurses of the Southlands Hospital, Shoreham, Sussex, and the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital, Wolverhampton.

In reports presented we heard that there are now 70 member bodies in the National Council of Nurses, comprising some 55,630 nurses; and our National Council is the second largest in the International Council of Nurses.

In referring to the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in Rome in 1957, it was stated that the hall allotted to the Congress would hold 3,000 nurses, and the probable application of seats to the National Council would be 300.

The Hon. Treasurer presented her report and the balance sheet.

The Executive Secretary told us something of the colossal amount of work executed in the office. Through the staff, 177 nurses from Great Britain have secured salaried appointments abroad, and 11 have extended their stay and secured

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