

and although we were only 10 minutes next morning in Copenhagen, the Danish Red Cross obtained permission to board the plane. All were interested in the first visit paid to the U.S.S.R. by a foreign Red Cross Society.

It is nearly a hundred years ago that a Swiss named Henri Dunant, witnessed the horrors of battle at Solferino and pleaded for the formation of Voluntary Aid Societies. Today the Red Cross is active in 73 countries and has well over 100,000,000 members, bound together by their common purpose to mitigate sickness and suffering, wherever it may be found, regardless of race, creed or politics.

EVELYN BARK.

Nursing Echoes.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER has graciously appointed 209 Nurses to be Queen's Nurses, 178 in England, 26 in Scotland and 5 in Northern Ireland.

Citation re Award of Florence Nightingale Medal.

UNITED KINGDOM.—Sister Ella Priscilla Jorden, Matron, B.R.C.S., at Irbid Hospital, worked with the Methodist Mission in China for eight years; she was interned for two and a half years before joining the British Red Cross China Mission, and was later posted to civilian relief in Germany. In 1949 she joined the Relief Commission in Transjordan; she organised and developed the work of the British Red Cross in Malay and in 1953 was selected for special Civilian Relief in Korea. She re-established the Nurse Training School of the South Korean Red Cross Hospital. She is a most outstanding nurse, shows great initiative for difficult missions and incarnates the true Red Cross spirit by her abnegation and selfless devotion to duty.

British Red Cross Society Florence Nightingale Scholarships.

FOR THE SESSION 1955/56 the following British Red Cross Society Florence Nightingale Scholarships of £350 each have been awarded:—

- (1) To Miss C. P. W. Lester, Matron, Alton General Hospital, to assist her in taking a nine months' academic course in Nursing Administration at Toronto University, Canada.
- (2) To Miss M. Keddie, Sister Tutor, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, to assist her in taking a four months' period of observation of training in Schools of Nursing in the U.S.A. with possibly a further month in Canada.
- (3) To Miss Alice Muriel Gomes, Trained Nurse, British North Borneo, to study the nursing of sick children in Great Britain.
- (4) To Miss Kimiko Kishii, Assistant Director, Nursing Service, Japanese Red Cross Society, to take a Nursing Administration (Hospital) Course in Great Britain.

The National Florence Nightingale Committee has awarded a further Scholarship of £350 to Miss H. M. C. Simpson, Sister Dietitian, Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, to enable her to visit the U.S.A. and Canada to study Ante-natal care, particularly diet in pregnancy.

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, June 29th, 1955, at 2.30 p.m.

Miss A. R. Bunch, Vice-President, was in the Chair, in the absence of Mrs. M. C. Barber, President.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Following the despatch of important business, the Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1954, was approved.

Applications for Membership.

All the applicants for membership of the College were elected.

The Meeting then terminated.

The Thirteenth Ordinary General Meeting of the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Tuesday, July 5th, 1955.

The President, Mrs. Mabel C. Barber, S.R.N., D.N.(Lond.) was in the Chair—supported by Councillors.

The President called upon the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. S. Bryson, to read the notice convening the meeting; this done, prayers were read and the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The annual report of the Council, with the Agenda and Balance Sheet for the period from January 1st, 1954, to December, 1954, which had been issued to every Fellow and Member, was taken as read, and adopted.

The Thirteenth Annual Report from 1st January to 31st December, 1954.

IN REPORTING THE Audited Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1954, the Council reports a deficiency of income of £957, which amount is deducted from the surplus brought forward from December 31st, 1953, of £11,321, leaving a balance of £10,364 to be carried forward.

Appointment of President.

Mrs. Mabel C. Barber, D.N.(Lond.), Fellow, was unanimously elected President in place of Miss D. deM. Warren, D.N.(Lond.), Fellow, who resigned owing to ill-health and the demand of her heavy professional duties.

Retired Members of Council

This year the Council will lose by retirement the valuable services of Miss Beatrice Cooper and Miss Miriam I. Clark, Fellows, and Miss Beatrice M. West, Member.

New Members of Council.

The following nominations have been received for election to the Council: Miss Beatrice West, who has been elected a Fellow, will replace Miss Cooper, Miss Margaret E. Thurnham has been elected to replace Miss Clark; and Miss Rose E. Finch has been nominated a Member to replace Miss West. We look forward to the help we feel sure the valuable experience of these ladies will bring to the College deliberations.

The clerical staff have attended throughout the year, and performed their respective duties with admirable despatch, and here the Council desires to place on record its gratitude to Miss B. A. Bowering for indefatigable services in connection with the Office and College well-being.

Educational Activities.

Among educational activities, on July 29th the Council arranged for a large party of Fellows and Members to have

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