

about 150 years, revealing the fine old brickwork beneath, and a mosaic floor has been laid down between the tombs of Thomas Guy and three famous surgeons of the hospital who were buried there near the founder—Ashley Cooper, William Hunt, and John Love. It is now intended to use the crypt as a small additional chapel for devotional purposes.

The trustees of the will of Mr. Harry Kaye have just completed, with the sanction of the Charity Commissioners, the distribution of the testator's residuary estate, amounting to approximately £40,000, which they were directed by the terms of the will to divide among London hospitals. Among the donations were:—

£10,000 to St. Thomas's Hospital.

£5,000 each to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, the National Temperance Hospital, and the South Eastern Hospital for Children.

£2,000 each to the Royal Northern Hospital and Guy's Hospital.

£1,000 each to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the Cancer Hospital, Chelsea Hospital for Women, the Infants' Hospital, the Margaret Street Hospital for Consumption, and Woolwich War Memorial Hospital.

Westminster Hospital and many other Institutions received £500 each.

Dr. T. C. Penfold, Medical Officer of Health to the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, attributes the spread of fever in the district situated midway between Durham and Newcastle to the zeal of school attendance officers, prolonged drought, and bad school buildings, he might also have added father's lack of employment.

He recently reported a decline in the number of notifications of scarlet fever, but added that the isolation hospital at Chester-le-Street was still full. The great difficulty they had in dealing with the epidemic, which was widespread, was insufficient hospital accommodation. They were overcrowded, and two children had to be put in one bed. Even so they had had to leave cases at home. To do this where there were five or six children was bad enough, but when it came to leaving a case of diphtheria at home it was even worse.

The only remedy for their present plight was the provision of extended accommodation at the hospital. They could not make arrangements with other hospitals in the district to take cases as they were in similar plight.

Dr. Penfold declares also that malnutrition is more pronounced at present among the child population. Some of the children who were admitted to the isolation hospital were underclad, and some were suffering from anaemia.

Miss M. D. Rankin, of Greenock, has bequeathed £20,000 to the University of Glasgow to provide a fund for medical research. She expressed a wish that the claims of cancer research should receive special consideration, but apart from that the fund is to be available for any kind of medical research into the origin and curative treatment of disease.

#### OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Loan Exhibition of Marlborough and the Reign of Queen Anne, in aid of the Y.W.C.A., will open on January 31st, at Chesterfield House, which has been lent by Lord Harewood. The chairman of the exhibition is Lady Northampton, with Mrs. Winston Churchill as vice-chairman.

The Queen has taken a personal interest in the exhibition, and the King is lending from Windsor a double miniature of Queen Anne and Prince George of Denmark by Boit, as well as portraits of Prince George of Denmark and the little Duke of Gloucester by Michael Dahl from Kensington Palace.

#### WHAT TO READ.

"In Scotland Again," H. V. Morton.

"The Smile and the Tear," E. G. Somerville and Martin Ross.

"Fables of La Fontaine," Translated by Edward Marsh, "Nijinsky," by His Wife.

"The Best Short Stories, 1933," E. J. O'Brien.

"Magnus Merriman," Eric Linklater.

"Sulgrave Manor and the Washingtons," H. Clifford Smith.

"Anthony Adverse," Hervey Allen.

"Let the Hurricane Roar," Rose Wilder Lane.

#### COMING EVENTS.

January 20th.—British College of Nurses. Meeting of Council, 39, Portland Place, W.1. 2.15 p.m.

January 20th.—Dance to Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, at R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. Hostesses: Miss B. Cutler, Miss I. Macdonald, and Miss D. K. Graham. 8 to 12 p.m.

January 26th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

January 26th.—Lantern Lecture on "The Influence of the Sun upon the Teeth—Ancient and Modern," by Mrs. Lilian Lindsay, Hon. Librarian to the British Dental Association. Chairman: Sir Frank Colyer, K.B.E., F.R.C.S., Consulting Dental Surgeon, Royal Dental Hospital. Princess Elizabeth of York Children's Hospital, Shadwell, E.1. 8.45 p.m. Visitors cordially welcomed.

January 27th.—League of Sister Tutors' Annual Meeting and Dinner, Clive Court Restaurant, Maida Vale, W.9. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Dinner 7.30 p.m.

#### INVITATION TO THE DANCE.

Miss Cutler, Miss Graham and Miss Macdonald are giving a dance for Members of the British College of Nurses and the Royal British Nurses' Association at 194, Queen's Gate on Saturday, January 20th, from 8 to 12 p.m. They issue this notice as an invitation to attend and hope that many may be able to come. Of necessity the invitation is restricted to those who dance as there is usually a large gathering and the rooms soon get filled to their capacity. The hostesses ask us to make it clear that this is the only invitation issued as several Fellows and Members assumed last year that cards would be sent in addition. Will those who are able to accept it kindly reply to the Secretary, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, as it simplifies arrangements greatly if those responsible for them have some idea of the number to be provided for.

#### NOTICES.

Mlle. Parmentier informs us that Congress Reports and National Reports are still on sale at the Headquarters of the Federation of Belgian Nurses, at 18, rue de la Source, Brussels, price 35 Belgian francs the two volumes, postage two francs.

Nursing Schools interested in International Council affairs should procure and file these publications for reference. They contain Papers of great educational value.

There are still some copies of the "History of the International Council of Nurses, 1899-1925," by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Margaret Breay, available, and those Nurses' Libraries which have not secured copies should do so without delay. The price is 5s., and they are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

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