

**House Committee.**

The Chairman reported that the move from the present premises to the new, commences on Monday, April 26th, and the next meeting of the Council would be held in the new building.

By agreement between the Howard de Walden Estate and the British Broadcasting Corporation, some Adam period fittings, mahogany doors and chimney pieces were being transferred to the new building, on which there is a 999 years' lease.

The Chairman announced that the building would be floodlit during certain hours of Coronation Week.

**Next Meeting of the Council.**

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, May 28th.

The Council then considered *in camera* the case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.

**GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.**

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at the offices of the Council, 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, April 23rd, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the chair. Apologies for absence were intimated from Miss Pool and Miss Williamson.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee sundry accounts were passed for payment.

**EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.**

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee various arrangements were made in connection with the arrangements for the May Examinations.

**RECOGNITION OF HOSPITALS.**

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee it was agreed that (1) County Infectious Diseases Hospital, Bannockburn, be affiliated with Belvidere Fever Hospital, Glasgow; (2) County Infectious Diseases Hospital, Camelon, Falkirk, be affiliated with Belvidere Fever Hospital, Glasgow; (3) Kirklandside Fever Hospital, by Kilmarnock, be affiliated with Belvidere Fever Hospital, Glasgow, for the Fever Part of the Register.

**REGISTRATION.**

Nurses who had attained the age of 21 and had been registered since last meeting—Nine.

Application for registration by reciprocity—One.

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**THE BART'S EXHIBITION.**

The greatest treasure of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., which has been the central exhibit in the Great Hall during the most interesting exhibition which has been taking place as part of the Coronation celebrations, is the deed of Rahere, dated 1137, by which Rahere granted to Hagno, his successor as master of the hospital, the Church of St. Sepulchre. The seals affixed in the presence of Rahere are still attached.

**£30,000 NURSES' HOME.****Need of the Princess Beatrice Hospital.**

The Princess Beatrice Hospital, Earl's Court, S.W., is faced with the urgent necessity of providing itself with a nurses' home, which it has been estimated will cost £30,000. The hospital celebrates its jubilee this year (it was founded in 1887 to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria), and advantage is being taken of the occasion to appeal for the required money. This announcement was made by Lord Carisbrooke when he presided at the annual meeting of the hospital.

**THE HOSPITAL WORLD.**

On July 8th Queen Mary opens the new block at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester has consented to be President of the hospital.

Part of the new Westminster Hospital now being built on the St. John Gardens site in Westminster will be known as the Coronation Wing.

By permission of His Majesty, the first ward in this wing will be called the King George VI Ward.

The report for 1936 of Charing Cross Hospital comes from the pen of Mr. Philip Inman, for since its last report was issued, it has been bereaved by death of its late chairman, Mr. George Verity, who for thirty years gave of his best to the service of the institution, and whose "enthusiasm" in the words of the present chairman, "was infectious, and people believed in his work because he believed in it so whole-heartedly himself." It is hard to follow such a chairman as Mr. Verity, whose policy was expressed in the words "We keep free from debt—we cut our coat according to our cloth" and "We extract every pennyworth of value out of every penny received," but whose personality and magic pen enabled him to free the hospital from debt and largely to extend its premises and work.

But the hospital is fortunate in its new Chairman. As Secretary and House Governor he has been actively associated with it for sixteen years, and, as he writes in the report, "I have learnt to know Charing Cross Hospital—and to love it. I ask nothing better from life than to be allowed to serve it to the full measure of my capacity." He could have no better qualifications, for we have already had experience of the quality of his literary work in his book "Oil and Wine," and the present report with its attractive green and red print, its plea for the "sum of £8,000 to bring the X-Ray Plant up-to-date," and the statement "we are desperately keen to provide 'pay beds' for the black-coated or middle-class patients. But we do not want to embark on any such scheme until we have the money in hand to pay for it," are calculated to enlist the sympathy of friends of the hospital. If we mistake not, the mantle of Mr. George Verity with the magic touch which opens purse-strings has fallen upon the new Chairman.

The report includes charming articles by Denise Robins on the Nursing Staff, and by Sir Philip Gibbs, K.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), on the Medical and Surgical Staffs, whose article concludes with the words: "There is something in the staff of Charing Cross more impressive than medical and surgical skill, more pleasing than the keen devotion of these men to their own profession, and that is the humanity, the sympathy, the spirit which seems to inspire them all, and makes this great hospital a friendly place in a rather cruel world. It is truly one of the sanctuaries of our civilisation in which a light is always burning."

After this, surely the hearts of readers of the Report will be opened, and the forms for "standing order for bankers," and "for subscription or donation" will be filled in and forwarded by many friends of the hospital.

We hope the Chairman's letter-box will be just crammed with substantial cheques as a result of this attractive report.

A ward at Guy's Hospital is to be named John Keats Ward in memory of the poet, who was a medical student at Guy's.

The good work at Papworth continues to receive substantial recognition.

Eighteen months ago Lord Nuffield offered £25,000 to the Papworth Village Settlement, the tuberculosis institu-

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