

CORONATION SEATS FOR NURSES.

The President reported that the Minister of Health had invited a representative of the British College of Nurses to attend at the Ministry, in conjunction with representatives of other Nurses' Organisations, to consider the allocation of some 200 seats for members of the Nursing Profession to view the Coronation Procession.

The President was pleased to report that these seats will be allocated to the various branches of nursing (exclusive of the Government Services otherwise provided for), and distributed in proportion to numerical strength on the Registers of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. They will be allotted by ballot. All expenses (including the price of the seats, approximately £2), will be the responsibility of the seatholder. It was requested that in- or out-door uniform should be worn.

A notice of this privilege appeared in the February issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES' RECEPTION.

(b) The Council unanimously expressed its pleasure in granting the request that arrangements be made for the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to hold a Reception of the Grand Council, International Council of Nurses, in the Bedford Fenwick Hall, at 39, Portland Place, on Sunday, July 11th.

The meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

March 20th.—Monthly meeting of the Council. 2.30 p.m.

LECTURES.

March 18th.—A Lecture on "Old St. Paul's," by R. H. Finch, Esq., A.R.I.B.A. 8 p.m.

As the members of the International Congress of Nurses may, by permission of the Chapter, attend a Special Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 18th, at 9.30 a.m., when the Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to speak, this lecture by so eminent an archæologist as Mr. R. H. Finch should be of the greatest interest to members of the College who intend to be present at the Special Service. Members may bring friends.

Please note that the hour of Mr. R. H. Finch's Lecture has been altered from 3 to 8 p.m.

April 27th.—A Lecture on "Detachment of the Retina," by Dr. E. F. King. At 3 p.m.

LECTURE ON "THE CARE OF THE FEET."

On Tuesday, March 2nd, Dr. F. P. FitzGerald delivered a Lecture at the British College of Nurses on "The Care of the Feet," which he demonstrated on the epidiascope.

Those Fellows and Members who were present greatly appreciated the Lecture, which was most practical and valuable to nurses.

We hope, therefore, to publish later Dr. FitzGerald's most practical Lecture for the benefit of those who were unable to be present.

Well pleased with a very instructive hour, the audience at the close of the Lecture adjourned for tea, which was served in the Club Room.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES' WELCOME TO I.C.N. COLLEAGUES.

It has been decided that the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain shall offer a Reception of Welcome to members of the Grand Council I.C.N. in the Bedford Fenwick Hall, 39, Portland Place, London (by permission of the Council of the British College of Nurses), on Sunday, July 11th, 4.30 to 7 p.m.

We feel sure members of our National Council will realise their responsibility on this great occasion.

THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.**VISIT TO A CELEBRATED MEDICAL SCHOOL.**

London is a city of surprises to the wayfarer! For in its great thoroughfares, teeming with a peripatetic humanity, how frequently may he find to his astonishment that within a few paces of the noise and bustle abides a veritable oasis of tranquillity. Of such was the experience of the members of the Administration Class of the British College of Nurses on Thursday, February 11th, who, when they met in the precincts of St. Paul's, found that a few minutes' walk through Little Britain and that hub of commercial activity—Smithfield Market—brought them into Charterhouse Square and thence to the beautiful entrance gates of the new Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, formerly the Old Merchant Taylors' School. Here a guide waited to conduct the class on its tour.

On entering, the scene is one of quiet seclusion; a large green interspersed with tall trees is bounded on its four sides by buildings of various dates, ranging from 1370 to the present time; on the left is Charterhouse, adjoining the old Merchant Taylors' School cloisters. Then came the main building of the old school, now the principal building of the new College—built in 1873. On crossing the portico, the entrance hall is reached.

From the entrance hall the class was conducted to the panelled Great Hall, which is in daily use as the students' refectory, and is also used for social events. In the same building there are cloakrooms, common rooms, administration quarters and the library. The library, a fine panelled room with a gallery running round, was a room of great importance in the old days, as there the head-master interviewed the pupils.

A corridor led to the *Physiology Department*, and here are two very fine lecture theatres, which were much admired with their modern oak tiers of seats with upright backs (surprisingly comfortable), designed to give also convenience for writing; the skylighting and the arrangement of powerful electric lamps provide the last word in lighting.

Then there are a large operating theatre, animal rooms, the professors' rooms and six research rooms; also an experimental laboratory fitted with the most modern equipment.

On going to the top of the building the commissariat department is reached; here the kitchens and serving rooms are conducted on up-to-date lines, and the class watched the process of the automatic washing of dishes with interest.

The *Biochemistry Block* is an entirely new building, where the laboratory will accommodate 114 students, and the spaciousness of this department much impressed the visitors.

In the north wing are the gymnasium and squash courts. The boxing ring is a feature; the class was informed that this branch of sport is popular with the students.

The Anatomy Department provides a dissecting-room, lecture theatre, prosectorium and embalming room. The elaborate Photographic Department is specially arranged for photomicrography; there are, too, a tissue culture laboratory, an artists' modelling room and a fine dissecting room. In the walls of the dissecting room is the doorway of a Carthusian cell erected in 1371.

Much appreciating their guide's courtesy in conducting them on this interesting tour, the Members of the British College of Nurses' Administration Class feel greatly indebted to the Dean and management for so kindly permitting them to have the privilege of seeing the Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. A. S. B.

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