

Mrs. Myers of Dunningwell.—Tickets for Rose Shows—
for April, July and September.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was unanimously agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on April 23rd.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

April 23rd.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

April 27th.—The first of six Lectures by Colonel J. Mackenzie, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Home Office Medical Instructor, on Air Raid Precautions, at 8.15 p.m.

LECTURES ON AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

A Course of Six Lectures on Air Raid Precautions will be delivered at the British College of Nurses by Colonel J. Mackenzie, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Home Office Medical Instructor, on Air Raid Precautions, commencing Wednesday, April 27th, at 8.15 p.m., and on subsequent Wednesdays to and including June 1st.

Fellows and Members and their friends are cordially invited. Those wishing to attend the whole course of Six Lectures are requested to notify as soon as possible the Secretary, the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. Humphrey Wallis, of Dinas Powis, left £1,000 and an annuity of £100 to his nurse Emilie Simmons, in recognition of her devoted professional services for many years.

He also left £100 to Nurse Sampson, and to her sister, Grace Richardson.

The late Mr. Robert Andrew Minter Macindoe Ogilvie, of Kensington, a member of Lloyds, left generous legacies to many nurses. He left £800 upon trust for Nurse Hilda Louisa Bessie Palmer, this bequest to Nurse Palmer being in recognition of the fact that she gave up her position at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital to devote her whole service to his care.

An annuity of £120 to Elfrida McDonald and the use of Golf Cottage and a sum for the upkeep to her and Nurse Palmer.

£2,000 upon trust for Toussa Rough, The Sister Maribel in the Community of St. Mary, Wantage, for life.

£500 to Nurse Grace Ivy Phillips, in recognition of her care and kindness during and after his illness.

£200 to Nurse Clarinda Mary Weatherley, in recognition of her services.

The late Mr. Frank C. Lindo left an annuity of £500 and his car to his nurse, Miss Dorothy Herridge.

Mrs. Toller, of Woodside, Weybridge, left £500 to Miss Haythornthwaite, S.R.N., Matron of the Weybridge Hospital, and £200 to Miss Krelle, a former Matron there.

The Hon. William Francis Coventry, of Orchard House, Kinnersley, Worcs., left £200 to Miss Margaret Brown Robb, S.R.N., nurse, if in his service at his death, an annuity of £200 while a spinster, or £100 per annum if she should marry.

Mrs. Medd of Torquay left £300 and a Gold Watch to Nurse Lillian Hosking, in recognition of her devotion to her.

We are pleased to note that the majority of these beneficiaries are Registered Nurses.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

H.R.H. the Princess Royal to Present Red Cross Shields.

H.R.H. The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief of British Red Cross Detachments, has graciously promised to present the Stanley Shields to the successful teams at the Finals of the Society's National Competitions in First Aid and Home Nursing, at the Wharncliffe Rooms, London, N.W.1, on Wednesday, May 4th. Eliminating rounds are at present being held between teams of the county branches of the British Isles.

THE TYPHOID REPORT.

WATER-BORNE INFECTION IN WELL.

In our last issue, commenting on the Report on the Public Inquiry by Mr. Harold Murphy, K.C., into the outbreak of typhoid fever at Croydon, we specially deplored the high death-rate in connection with this outbreak and expressed the view that typhoid fever was specially responsive to skilled and intelligent nursing, but that we feared that this care was not always available.

It has been pointed out to us that this statement may have led our readers to suppose that it had reference to the nursing arrangements at the Croydon Council's Hospitals which are under the control of Dr. Holden, the Medical Officer of Health. We therefore take the earliest opportunity of making it clear that no such suggestion was intended. Nor was the article designed to imply that there were not other possible explanations for the high death-rate—on the contrary, it may equally well be that the high death-rate could be attributed to what was undoubtedly a specially virulent infection.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH.

To be made Compulsorily Notifiable in London.

Hospitals and Medical Services Committee (Report No. 1).—The Committee recommend the Council to ask the Minister of Health to make regulations under section 143 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the local medical officers of health to be notified on and after April 1st, 1938, of all cases of measles (other than German measles) and whooping cough occurring in the administrative county of London.

The proposed new regulations will not apply to any cases under treatment in infectious diseases hospitals, nor will they apply to cases occurring in other hospitals or at home if a previous case of the same disease has been notified from the same address during the preceding two months.

At the moment, partial notification of measles and whooping cough is compulsory in only a few Metropolitan Boroughs. The Committee state, however, that the diseases are not only serious in themselves, but in the complications which frequently arise, and that any tendency on the part of parents to regard them as trifling ailments is to be deprecated. Compulsory notification has an undoubted psychological effect on the attitude of the general public towards infectious disease, notifiable diseases being regarded more seriously than non-notifiable diseases. Moreover, there is a greater readiness to obtain medical advice and treatment, and early medical advice in the case of children suffering from measles and whooping cough is of the greatest importance.

THE MEDICAL CARE OF YOUNG PERSONS.

An important extension of National Health Insurance came into force on April 4th, when about 1,000,000 young workers between 14 and 16 become insurable for receiving medical benefit. The object of this new development is to bridge the gap in the medical care of young persons between leaving school and reaching 16.

Employers must now stamp Health Insurance cards for boys and girls of 14 and 15 whose employment is of a kind that comes within the scope of the National Health Insurance Act.

The new entrants will each receive a personal message from Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, in which he says:—"What I, as Minister of Health, want to impress on you is that the future of our country largely depends on the health and fitness of you young men and women. You can play your part by doing all you can to keep fit and well."

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