

date equipment of the theatres and bright spacious wards, of which the nurses, who acted as guides, were so proud, and no less were they appreciative of the hospital amenities, enhanced as they are by the glory of the great forest in which they stand.

Thus ended a memorable day, a great day, and truly the Nurses' Day at Whipps Cross.

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NURSING ECHOES.

A gay informal little tea party, presided over by Miss H. McLoughlin, President of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, on Tuesday, October 12th, the *raison d'être* being to bid au revoir to Miss Virginia Arnold, R.N., late Assistant Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses, and to meet her successor, Miss Alice Sher.

Over the tea-cups we all recalled intimate little incidents that had happened since the Headquarters of International Council of Nurses had moved from New York to share our bomb-shattered building, with Miss Arnold in charge of arrangements for setting the offices in order, just twelve months ago.

During the months she was amongst us, we found her courteous and helpful in every way, and we know she had left many English friends behind, with a promise to come again to England at a later date.

She flew across the Atlantic on October 16th, and is now enjoying a reunion with family and friends.

Announcement is made of the appointment as Assistant Executive Secretary to the Headquarters staff; International Council of Nurses, of Miss Alice Sher, who took up her duties September 27, 1948. Miss Sher finished her training at the Latvian Red Cross Nurses' Training School, Riga, Latvia, in 1925. She then spent a year and a half in England studying Public Health nursing at Bedford College and took a four-months' course under Dr. Truby King at the "Babies of the Empire" Training Centre, London.

She returned to Latvia where she held a responsible position in the Latvian Red Cross Headquarters, Public Health Division, organising and supervising Public Health Centres and lecturing on maternity and child welfare and Public Health at the Latvian Red Cross Nurses Training School in Riga. During the war, in 1941, she became Chief Nurse of the Latvian People's Aid, where she organised the three-months' course for Nurse Aides. In 1944 she became Nursing Adviser of the Health Department of the "Latvian Relief Organisation" in Berlin and Detwald, Germany. Following the war, she joined the staff of U.N.R.R.A. as Deputy Nursing Adviser in Lemgo, Germany, later becoming President of the D.P. Nursing Advisory Committee, Nursing Division of the International Refugee Organisation.

In addition to her own native language, Latvian, Miss Sher speaks fluent German and English. She will be a tremendous help to the Headquarters of I.C.N.

A series of Medical Lectures will be given on Monday evenings at 6.0 p.m., commencing on October 25th, at the National Hospital, Queen Square, London,

when Dr. F. M. R. Walshe, O.B.E., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., will give the opening lecture, "Some considerations in the Nursing of Neurological Diseases."

An invitation is extended to all Senior Nurses who may be interested.

A full syllabus will be circulated at a later date.

Those coming from a distance are also invited to dinner after the lecture and are asked to give their names to Sister Tutor on arrival.

The series on Neuro-Psychiatric Nursing was unfortunately cancelled owing to the sudden death of the lecturer, Dr. C. Lacey.

The Inter-Services Tennis Tournament for 1948 between the Q.A.R.N.N.S., Q.A.I.M.N.S. and P.M.R.A.F.N.S. was played on the Court of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Mess of the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on Thursday, September 23rd. Principal Matron E. D. A. McHardy, R.R.C., and officers of the Mess were at home for the afternoon.

The day was very cloudy, though fair, and it was decided to start play early (2 p.m.) to get the best of the light. The first tie was between the Army and the R.A.F., the latter winning 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. The R.A.F. next played the Navy who lost to them 2-6, 2-6, 1-6. After an interval for tea, by which time the sun had come out, play was resumed and the Navy played the Army, the latter winning 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. The scores in games won were R.A.F. 33, Army 26, Navy 16. The match was therefore won by the P.M.R.A.F.N.S. who retain the cup as they were the winners in 1947.

Players.—Q.A.R.N.N.S.: V. E. Shorten, E. M. Sadler; Q.A.I.M.N.S.: J. E. Mellor, B. Rattee; P.M.R.A.F.N.S.: V. M. Ashworth, B. M. Buchanan.

After announcing the winners and the scores in games of each Service, the cup was presented to the winners, along with a replica for each, by Matron-in-Chief, Miss A. Thomson, C.B.E., R.R.C. Air Commodore Barnes, on behalf of the guests, thanked officers of Q.A.I.M.N.S. for their hospitality and a very pleasant afternoon. Among the distinguished guests were: Lt.-Gen. N. Cantlie, D.G.A.M.S., Air Commodore and Mrs. W. E. Barnes, Dame Louisa J. Wilkinson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Miss G. Taylor, C.B.E., R.R.C. The Matrons-in-Chief of each Service: Miss O. H. Franklin, M.B.E., R.R.C. (Q.A.R.N.N.S.), Miss A. Thomson, C.B.E., R.R.C. (Q.A.I.M.N.S.), and Miss H. W. Cargill R.R.C. (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.).

The following Officers of Princess Mary's R.A.F. Nursing Service have been selected for transfer to the permanent branch of the Service: Sisters C. M. Ballingall, K. M. Burrows, B. S. M. Macdonald, H. McGregor, I. M. Thomson.

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Applications are invited from officers of Q.A.I.M.N.S., Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. and T.A.N.S. who served in the recent war for grants (value £35 to £50) for the purpose of attending the International Congress at Sweden in 1949. Serving officers would be required to attend during a period of annual leave. Apply with full particulars—Secretary, 38 Hyde Park Gate, S.W.7.

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