

Whitworth Art Gallery, a day much looked forward to by all concerned.

Ruth Anderson, of Huddersfield Royal Hospital, was recently awarded the gold medal for being the best nurse of the year.

The following Nurses of the Crichton Royal have been successful in passing the Examinations held recently by the General Nursing Council for Scotland:

Final Examination.—Mary Flanagan, Bridget M. Lohan, Mary C. Needham.

Preliminary Examination.—Alice M. Kelly, Frederick Kirkham, Isabella Lindsay, George M. McPherson, Arthur H. Quinnell, James Young.

Mr. John Young, chairman of the South-West Hospitals Board presided over the annual prize-giving ceremony at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on Tuesday, November 9. A criticism of the inadequacy of the dining and recreation rooms in the Nurses' Home was made at the end of the ceremony when the Matron, Miss J. D. Jolly, announced that tea would be served, but that the guests were to be patient until the rooms were re-arranged. She expressed the hope that the members of the Board of Management who were present would take note of the position. The prizes were presented by Mrs. John Young as follows:—

The Rose Ann Shepherd Memorial Prize, awarded to the nurse with the highest marks in all examinations during her three years' lecture course, was won by Nurse Frances A. Martin, who was also first in her class in the gynæcology and materia medica examinations. The other prize winners were:—

Seniors.—Surgical (class 1) and medical (class 1), M. L. Graham; surgical (class 2), J. R. Williamson; medical (class 2), G. Smith; practical nursing and dietetics (class 1), R. Christie; (class 2), J. R. Williamson; gynæcology and materia medica (class 2), M. E. Kehoe; John Laing Memorial Prize for the best senior practical nurse, R. S. Boyle.

Juniors.—John Laing Memorial Prize for the best practical nurse after one year's training, J. Kennedy, who was also first in her class in anatomy and physiology and in practical nursing; anatomy and physiology (class 2), M. T. O'Flanagan; hygiene and dietetics (class 1), C. J. Knight; (class 2), M. Cameron; practical nursing (class 2), M. T. O'Flanagan.

The National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C.1, announce a Course of Lectures given by the Physicians in the Post Graduate Course in Neurological Nursing, 1948-49.

Diseases of the Muscle, by Dr. E. A. Carmichael, December 6th, 6 p.m.

Significance of Headache, by Dr. S. P. Meadows, December 13th, 6 p.m.

Intracranial Tumours, by Dr. S. P. Meadows, December 20th, 6 p.m.

Inflammation of the Meninges, by Dr. D. Brinton, January 17th, 1949, 6 p.m.

Inflammation of the Nervous System: Myelitis; Poliomyelitis; Encephalitis; Polyneuritis; Athetosis; Syphilis of the Central Nervous System; Tumor of the Spinal Cord; Trigeminal Neuralgia; particulars of which will be announced later.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

A meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was held at Guy's Hospital, London, on Thursday, November 25th, 1948. It is to be regretted that the League of Nurses of this hospital has not been able to bring its Constitution in line with that of National Council of Nurses, and thus become a member body.

Miss K. F. Armstrong, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N., President, was in the Chair.

Welcome to Newly Affiliated Societies.

The President welcomed newly affiliated societies to the National Council of Nurses:—

Ashford County Hospital, Ashford.
Croydon General Hospital.
North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary.
Southmead Hospital, Bristol.
Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
Newcastle General Infirmary.
Nottingham General Hospital.
Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester.
Royal Salop Infirmary.
Metropolitan Hospital, London.

The President, dealing with business arising out of the Minutes, reminded the delegates that the question of dues to the International Council of Nurses must receive attention. Twelve countries affiliated to the International Council of Nurses had voluntarily agreed to double their dues; South Africa and France had not agreed, and Holland had asked for postponement of the matter.

The President reported that a telegram of congratulation had been dispatched to the Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of the birth of her Son.

It was reported that the International Council of Nurses had invited the National Council of Nurses to appoint an industrial nurse to serve on the Nursing Service Committee. Nominations for this vacancy were invited.

The Ministry of Health in connection with the National Health Service Act, are forming a Standing Advisory Committee, allocating two seats only to nurses, and 13 seats to outside bodies. Dame Ellen Musson strongly hoped that some 14 names of nurses go forward to the Ministry—again nominations were invited.

The President's Address.

Miss K. Armstrong, President, addressed herself to the meeting saying that she never did a rasher thing in her life than when she agreed to be nominated for the Presidency of the National Council of Nurses; she was not yet *au fait* with the Constitution.

She recalled the meetings of the International Council of Nurses in London in September, which she had attended.

The Report of the Executive Secretary.

Miss F. A. Rowe, S.R.N., S.C.M., Executive Secretary, reported that she had been in office for five months, and had prepared for meetings of Board of Directors, Constitution Sub-Committee, Finance Committee, etc. Thousands of letters had been dispatched, and the first Quarterly News-Letter had been published.

The Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

Miss B. M. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., Hon. Treasurer, presented her Report, and read the Audited Accounts. The year ended with a balance in hand of £2,523, there was also a balance in hand of £150 left from the fund raised for the entertainment of the Danish nurses to this country in the summer. On the proposition of Dame Ellen Musson,

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