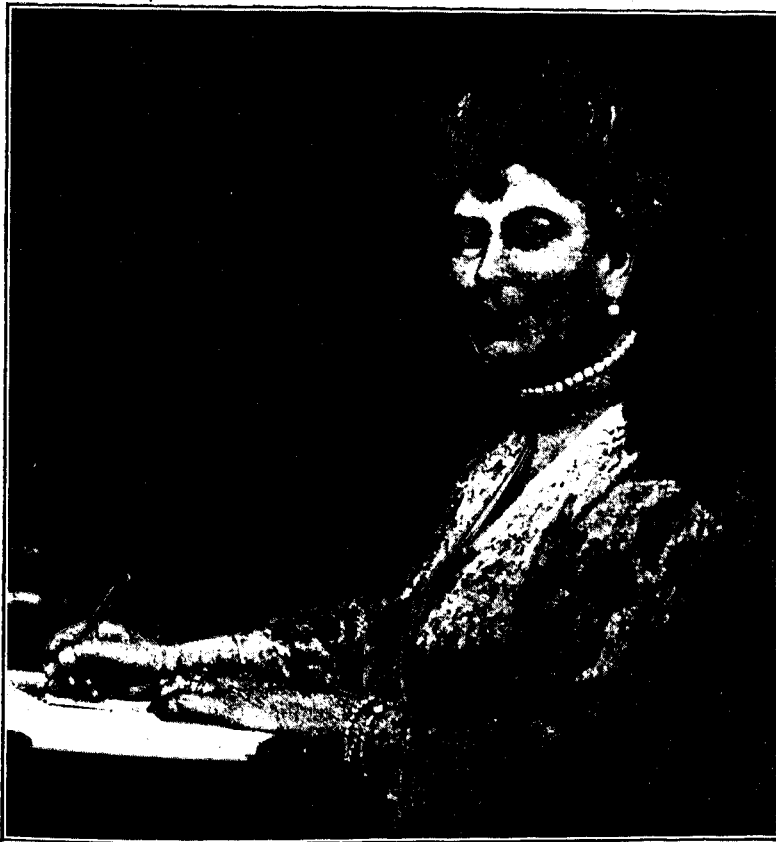


Council's hospitals, were presented in the Conference Hall by the Right Hon. the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Walter R. Owen, J.P.

The total number of candidates at the 1947 Hospital Final Examinations was 910, of whom 5 gained gold medals, 33 gained silver medals, 45 passed with distinction and 885 passed.

Figures for 1946 were, candidates, 726, 8 gold medals, 31 silver medals, 43 distinctions, and 628 passed.

London's No. 1 Nurse this year is Miss Hortense Marianne Pauline Heidenfeld, of St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham. She gained 721 marks out of a possible 800.



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HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY RECENTLY CELEBRATED
HER 80TH BIRTHDAY.

In spite of all building difficulties, it is good to know that the Florence Nightingale International Foundation are hoping to open Burleigh House, Cromwell Road, London, S.W., as a residence for International and British Nurses attending post-graduate courses in London, this autumn.

The residence will accommodate about forty persons, in connection with which a Warden is being sought.

Candidates for the post must have had administrative experience and have an understanding of international relationships.

Applications for this most interesting post should be made to Miss D. S. Coode, 50, Hillway, Highgate, London, N.6.

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

The Air Ministry announces the following appointment:—

NEW MATRON-IN-CHIEF.

Principal Matron Miss Helen Wilson Cargill, R.R.C., to be Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, with effect from July 16th, 1948, in succession to Miss Gladys Taylor, C.B.E., R.R.C., who will then retire, having completed her term of appointment.

Principal Matron Miss Helen Wilson Cargill received her general training at St. George's Hospital, London, from 1919 to 1922, and was appointed a Staff Nurse at the R.A.F. Hospital, Halton in June, 1923. She became a Sister in July, 1926, Senior Sister in February, 1939, Matron in December, 1944, Principal Matron in June, 1945, and has held appointments in R.A.F. hospitals in this country, Aden, Iraq and Occupied Europe. She was awarded the R.R.C., 2nd class, in 1941 and was advanced to the 1st class in 1945.

Miss G. Taylor has been Matron-in-Chief since July 16th, 1943. She received her general training at University College Hospital, London, from 1914 to 1918, and joined Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service in October, 1918, as a staff nurse in the R.A.F. health centre at Matlock. She became a sister in May, 1920, a senior Sister in January, 1931, a Matron in August, 1935, and Principal Matron in December, 1942, after having held appointments as Matron of R.A.F. hospitals in this country, and in Aden and Iraq. She was awarded the R.R.C., 1st class, in the New Year Honours List, 1939, and was appointed a C.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours, 1946.

REUNION OF PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

The Reunion of the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service was held at 6, Stanhope Gate, S.W.1, on Saturday, June 19th, 1948, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Miss Gladys Taylor, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, was there to receive the invited guests, who numbered about 250, including two ex-Matrons-in-Chief, Dame Joanna Cruickshank and Dame Kathrine Watt, ex-Principal Matron Miss W. Coulthurst and Miss N. Rees. It was good to see a big number of the original members who had joined when the P.M. R.A.F.N.S. was formed in 1918; nevertheless, the gathering on the whole sounded a very youthful ring, and there were many gay greetings and much jolly laughter to be heard as various groups got together to exchange reminiscences. There were several group photographs taken, and later on the present Matron-in-Chief, who is retiring next month, announced the appointment of her successor, Miss H. W. Cargill, R.R.C. The appointment takes effect from July 16th.

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