

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

In the International Nursing Bulletin, Volume 3, No. 5, the Spring issue of 1948, under the article "The Coming Congress in Sweden," the following sentence occurs:—

"Address all inquiries regarding transportation to the Congress to Miss Kathleen T. Tuite, Travel Arrangements, 501, Fifth Avenue, New York City."

This sentence applies only to nurses travelling to Stockholm from the American continent. Inquiries regarding travel arrangements to the Congress from this country should be addressed in the first place to Miss F. Rowe, Executive Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 17, Portland Place, London, W.1. Inquiries regarding accommodation in Stockholm should be addressed to Miss Karin Elfverson, Acting President, Swedish Nurses Association, Ostermalmsgatan 33, Stockholm, Sweden.

THE DANISH NURSES IN LONDON.

As we go to press, the exchange holiday plans between British and Danish nurses are in full swing, and we understand that this arrangement is an unqualified success.

A very full programme has been arranged for the entertainment of the Danish nurses, and they are being conducted to many places of interest both professional and historic.

A visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, standing sentinel over the City of London; a visit to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and tea in the Nurses' Home; a tour of the General Nursing Council, the governing body of the Nursing Profession in England and Wales; a Lecture Demonstration on Penicillin at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where the drug was discovered; a visit to the Houses of Parliament; to St. John's Gate, the Headquarters of the Grand Priory of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem; a tour of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Moorfields), the oldest and largest Eye Hospital; has deeply impressed our visitors.

The lighter side of their sojourn amongst us was not overlooked. They went by launch from Westminster Pier to Kew; a film show was arranged by the British Council; a conducted coach tour of London introduced them to Buckingham Palace, St. James's Palace, where they saw the Changing of the Guard, Birdcage Walk, Westminster Bridge, passing the Houses of Parliament, St. Thomas's Hospital and Westminster Abbey, on to Tower Bridge. The party then alighted and went into the Tower of London where they saw the Crown Jewels. On the return journey the party were taken over London Bridge, on to see the Statue of Florence Nightingale, to Piccadilly Circus and on to Oxford Circus.

They attended a Midsummer Dance arranged by the English Folk Dance and Song Society; were invited to Luncheon by the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths; went along the River to Greenwich, visiting the National Maritime Museum. They also visited the National Gallery; attended a Swimming and Tennis Party at the Middlesex Hospital; enjoyed a motor tour to Windsor; and visited the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, where they saw a performance of "As You Like It."

Various luncheon and tea parties were also arranged, and our Danish visitors are much impressed by the interesting programme that has been planned for their enjoyment.

IRISH NURSING NEWS.

Adelaide Hospital Prize-giving.

Lady Rugby, wife of the British High Commissioner in Eire, presented the prizes to nurses of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, at the third annual Prize-giving held there on June 4th. The prizewinners were as follows:—

Final Year.—Charlotte C. Bewley Gold Medal (Maud G. Boyle); Medical Board Silver Medal (Rosemary G. McGowan); Matron's Prize for best surgical nurse (Nurse McGowan); Sister Tutor's Prize for best medical nurse (Hilda Martinson).

Second Year.—Sir Lauriston Arnott's Prize for best practical nurse (Sheila Murphy); 1st prize Hospital Board (Lorna Cockrill); 2nd prize Hospital Board (Sheila Murphy).

First Year.—1st prize Hospital Board (Elsie M. Holmes); 2nd prize Hospital Board (Eileen Lemon); Sister Crawford's Prize for best practical nurse (Anne Bell).

Eire Anti-Tuberculosis Drive.

Speaking recently, the Eire Minister of Health stated that there are 25,000 tuberculosis patients in Eire, and that 3,000 die of phthisis annually. He is doing his utmost to increase the inadequate sanatorium facilities by taking over Protestant schools and general hospitals, in places, and expects to wipe out this national scourge by 1948. The new general hospital at Mallow, County Cork, is to become a sanatorium temporarily.

Cork is to have a new £100,000 general hospital with accommodation for some 420 beds.

This summer the reconstructed and re-equipped St. Raphael's Preventorium, Cork (for incipient phthisis cases), will be ready.

At the recent State examinations of the Northern Ireland General Nursing Council 74 candidates passed the Preliminary examination and 29 failed; 50 passed the Final "General" examination and 14 failed; and the eight candidates who sat for the Final "Fever" examination succeeded.

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

The Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario, Canada, has just celebrated the sixty-fifth birthday of the School of Nursing, founded in 1883 under Sister Florence of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

At that time a two-year course was given, and one reads a bye-law: "The objects are to train suitable women as professional nurses and to provide skilled nursing for the patients in hospital."

In those days, a nurse had to pass examinations in reading aloud, writing legibly, keeping simple accounts and taking notes, such qualities necessary in the life of a nurse in the present time.

In 1883 there were three graduates of the training school, and in 1948 there were 58 graduates; during the years there has been a total of 1,751.

The celebrations included the reception of life membership in the alumnae association of 13 old-time nurses, accompanied by a scroll tied with purple ribbon and a yellow rose tied with purple ribbon, the hospital colours being purple and gold.

On this particular occasion, a girl who had recently entered the Nursing Course appeared in the replica of a nurse's uniform of 1900, made by Miss Mary L. Jacobs, a graduate of that year.

Miss Mary L. Jacobs is well known to nurses on this side of the Atlantic, and we know just how proud she must feel of the success of her Alma Mater.

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