

ment Committee/Board of Governors decides to give a nurse or midwife the opportunity of a stay at any one of the Rest Break Houses, sick leave should be granted for such a period as may be necessary, and the appropriate rates of sick pay and allowances recommended by the Nurses Salaries Committee, the Mental Nurses Sub-Committee or the Midwives Salaries Committee should be paid, the period of absence counting against sick leave entitlement. Nurses and midwives using Rest Break Houses will not usually be so ill as to be incapable of work, and therefore they will not usually be able to get National Insurance Sickness Benefit, nor will they be excused liability to pay contributions. They will, of course, have to meet out of their own resources the charges made by the Rest Break Houses and any travelling expenses incurred.

A RECITAL on behalf of the Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital has been arranged by the famous St. Michael's Singers and their eminent conductor, Dr. Harold Darke, at the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, E.C.3, on Wednesday, May 11th, at 6 p.m., to which a general invitation is given.

A Reception will be held at the Cora Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1, on June 16th, from 3 to 5 p.m., to welcome Lord Winster, the Chairman of the Memorial Hospital Council on his return from Cyprus, and General Cottam, who has just concluded seven years magnificent service as head of the British Military Mission to Ethiopia.

His Excellency, Ato Abeba Retta, the Ethiopian Minister in London, has consented to be present. Brigadier G. S. Parkinson of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine will preside, and Dame Irene Vanbrugh and Mr. Harold Ould, eminent author and General Secretary of the P.E.N., will speak.

Miss G. Sylvia Pankhurst, the Hon. Secretary to the Memorial, will be pleased to send invitations to the Reception on application by our readers, so far as accommodation permits.

More than half the equipment for the Memorial Hospital (built in Addis Ababa by British subscriptions, as a tribute of friendship to a gallant ally) has now been shipped from this country, and other goods will shortly sail.

Donations should be drawn in favour of the Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital Fund, and addressed to the Honorary Treasurers, Lord Horder and Lord Amulree, c/o Messrs. H. Reynolds & Co., 1, Bloomsbury Court, W.C.1.

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be held on April 12th, 1949, at 3 p.m., at the London Hospital, by kind permission of Miss C. Alexander and the Board of Governors.

Copies of the March issue of the Quarterly News Letter can be obtained from the offices of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 17, Portland Place, London, W.1, price 3d.; annual subscription, 1s.

Association of Sick Children's Hospital Nurses.

THE Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at 2.30 p.m., at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1. All interested in the nursing of sick children are invited.

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

A MEETING of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Friday, March 18th, 1949, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Miss H. McLoughlin, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss M. B. MacKellar and Miss D. de M. Warren D.N.(Lond.), Vice-Presidents, Miss A. S. Bryson, Miss L. Clark, Miss F. R. Roberts, Miss M. E. Thurnham, Fellows, and Miss U. Spon, Member.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

The Council further considered their opposition to the proposal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to discontinue the printing, publishing and placing on sale of the State Register of Nurses.

Correspondence with the Minister of Health expressing their strong objection to this ill-advised legislation was reported.

The Council further maintained that such a policy defeated the purpose for which the Register is compiled and was not in the best interests of the Nursing Profession.

Considerable correspondence was reported in connection with the request of a Fellow, that steps be taken to ask for legislation to remove the unjust anomaly by which incapacitated single persons are not eligible for an Income Tax Allowance to enable them to employ a housekeeper.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The President gave a short résumé of the Special Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland held on February 25th in connection with the reconstitution of the National Council of Nurses.

Further correspondence from nurses abroad asking for information how to obtain experience in this country was dealt with.

A member incapacitated owing to ill-health was awarded financial help.

The Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was presented and adopted. The meeting then terminated.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, the President and Council, at 4.30 p.m., received many Fellows, Members and friends in the Secretary's Office and Club Room, where, after a very enjoyable tea was served, all adjourned to the Council Chamber to attend the Lecture on "Sculpture in the Making," given by Mr. Harold Brown to a crowded audience.

Mr. Brown dealt with his subject from the earliest time of the "Cave Men" up to the present day. The methods employed in early times were compared with the methods of to-day. The sculpture of Greece, Italy and Egypt were dealt with at some length.

The lecturer explained the growth and development of sculpture, and gave his own interpretation of sculpture, its purpose and place in the community, and suggested how "Mr. Average Man" should approach Sculpture.

The work and influence of the great French sculptor, Rodin, was analysed. Photographs of sculpture by a number of the greatest sculptors of our time were on view, and included examples by Epstein, Gill, Moore, etc.

The informal discussion which followed the lecture, was convincing in itself that Mr. Brown had put his points very clearly, and that the lecture was received with enthusiasm by a very appreciative audience.

Miss A. Stewart Bryson, Hon. Secretary to the College,

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