

## The First At Home at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol.

IT was an ideal day for the first At Home at Frenchay Hospital. After being welcomed by the Matron (Miss C. M. Butland), the proceedings opened with A. J. M. Wright, Esq., giving a review of the past year, when the State took over. With the many advantages there would be disadvantages, but the Clerk, Committee, and Staff had worked very hard; at the end of the year, in spite of lots of difficulties, they felt they were getting somewhere. Five hospitals had been grouped together under the new scheme; a very great advance, as the grouping of organisations was not always the easiest thing, but they felt they were all working as one happy family for one end.

They wanted a combined clinic and out-patient department. They had the beginnings of a very up-to-date hospital of 600 beds, and it would be the largest general hospital unit in the region. In addition, it would continue to be a specialised hospital for (1) Thoracic Surgery; (2) Neuro-Surgery; (3) Venereal Disease—at a cost of half-a-million pounds a year—50 per cent. of which went in salaries and wages. They all felt that the Nursing Profession was now being adequately rewarded in a monetary capacity, and they were receiving more applications.

The Chairman of the South-Western Regional Hospital Board then spoke. He said it was always a very great pleasure to come to Frenchay, one of the few places where the character of the place was unchanged.

No one was less enamoured of nationalisation than he, but we had to admit that the Health Service was the finest thing Parliament could have done, and where and when necessary the best services were available for all classes.

He was proud of the voluntary system which had depended on voluntary effort, but no one could deny that the maintenance of hospitals had broken down some years ago, and the hospital was usually put where the donor pleased, rather than where necessary.

Of the 600 beds, 300 would be used for surgical and medical cases, and the other 300 for special services.

They had priority for a Nurses' Home to house 350 nurses. They also had the approval of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales as a training school for nurses.

After votes of thanks were passed, tea was served on the lawns to the accompaniment of a programme of music; a tour of the wards was arranged and enjoyed. In talking to Matron afterwards, she thought the most important thing was the General Nursing Council approving them as a training school, and they hoped to have three schools of forty nurses per year. E.B.V.

## Miss M. E. G. Milne, O.B.E., S.R.N., Retires.

IT is with regret that we report that Miss M. E. G. Milne is, through ill-health, leaving St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where she has served with great success.

A much loved Matron, and a staunch supporter of the best interests of her profession, Miss Milne has, on two occasions, ruled as head of the Nursing department of St. Mary's Hospital.

After serving for a term at St. Mary's, Miss Milne gained further experience as Principal Matron with the London County Council, and as Matron of the General Infirmary at Leeds, before returning to Paddington.

We hope she will find improved health in her enforced leisure.

## The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

THE President of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., Miss H. McLoughlin, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., with a little company of delegates which included her First Vice-President, Miss M. B. MacKellar, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., flew on June 11th to Stockholm, to take part in the Conference of the International Council of Nurses held in that beautiful Swedish city.

The journey was uneventful, the glimpses between the clouds of the scenes beneath them very delightful, but they mostly sailed above them.

That evening they were met on arrival in Stockholm by a member of the Swedish Nurses' Association, and duly directed to the "Karolenska Hospital," where hospitality had been provided.

Sunday brought the usual formalities of registration, and then the delegates wended their way to lunch; the arrangements for the feeding of many of their guests were made by the Swedish Nurses' Association, to whom great credit was due.

In the evening special services were held in churches of all denominations. Of outstanding charm, to this little company, was the Divine Service held in the Great Church (Storkyrkan) in memory of Florence Nightingale.

The impressive rendering of the well chosen, beautiful music by the choir, and the procession of student nurses, bearing lighted candles to the altar, would not lightly be forgotten.

A most appropriate sermon was delivered by the Right Rev. The Bishop of Stockholm, M. Börjquist, D.D.

Monday, brought them, in the course of events to the opening of the Congress by Her Royal Highness Princess Sibylla of Sweden. This day closed with attendance at a Promenade Concert by the Stockholm Boys' Choir in the National Museum, most arresting in his splendid performance were the heavenly notes of the Boy Soprano, Bertil Berquist.

Of the many sessions given to discussion it was felt that of most urgent interest was "Nursing Service, How to Meet the Demand." On this subject many interesting papers were read and discussed.

This great foregathering of the International Council of Nurses, convened to celebrate its foundation fifty years ago, leaves this little company especially proud and profoundly grateful in their intimate association with their Founder—Ethel Gordon Fenwick—who, in her original conception, strove that the nursing profession throughout the world should unite for the uplift of its work ever towards its great destiny.



A snapshot of the air-minded President of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., her Vice-President, and Miss L. Clark about to board the plane bound for Stockholm.

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