

to dinner in the State Hall of the Castle. This great building dominates Uppsala, resting on the top of a rocky hill. It can be seen for miles. It is an austere building of grey stone with little or no decoration. The proportions and architecture giving it a beauty of its own.

We sat down to dinner in the great hall, famous as the place where Queen Kristina had abdicated in 1654. The dinner was attended by members of the Town Council, the University and the Hospital staffs. In an address of welcome by the Governor of the County, Mr. H. Kjellman, we were given a résumé of the history of the castle and the hall in which we were dining. A short address was also given by Miss J. Bergkvist, Chairman of the Uppsala branch of the Swedish Nurses' Association. A heartfelt vote of thanks was given, on our behalf by Miss Densford, Second Vice President, I.C.N.

The dinner ended, we left the hall and climbed for the last time into the buses and were driven to the station.

What a full and wonderful day it had been. We were all very happy though a little tired. As the train left the station we waved farewell to the many nurses who had come to see us off. Everyone felt indebted to them for the splendid hospitality and warm welcome given to us. A day we shall always remember.

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The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

WE regret to report that the President of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been suffering for some weeks from a severe illness, which necessitated hospital care and treatment.

For this she feels she was most fortunate in being received at Neasden Hospital, Brentfield Road, N.W.10.

Now being convalescent and well enough to return to a home life—she wishes to express her profound gratitude to the Matron, Miss A. A. Ward, M.B.C.N., the Medical staff and the Nursing staff of Neasden Hospital, for their great kindness and all that was done for her while there.

Miss C. Gooding, one of the most faithful helpers in the clerical work of the College, we are pleased to state, is now making excellent progress after suffering much from a prolonged attack of shingles; and we would like on her behalf to express appreciation of the splendid care and attention she received while under treatment at St. Mary Abbotts Hospital, London, W.8.

Wedding Bells.

It gives us great pleasure to notify her colleagues that Mrs. Muriel Westlake, F.B.C.N., has now become Mrs. George Hickerson.

She was married at 7 p.m., on July 29, 1949, at the home of Mrs. L. Turners of Oakland, California, to Mr. George Hickerson, who is a Psychologist, and now studying for his Ph.D. at the University of California.

An ardent supporter of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., all our Fellows and Members will unite with us in wishing her many happy years.

We hope in the near future to publish an article she has written of her travels and experience gained during her career.

News from Canada.

We were delighted to receive news recently of Miss P. Oakley Williams, a very valued Fellow of this College. Miss Oakley Williams has travelled much during her nursing career, and has managed to experience many thrills.

We shall hope to be able to refer in a future issue to the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium, where she is now doing much useful work.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

A MEETING of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on Friday, July 22nd, 1949.

The Chairman, Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., presided, and Mr. Sayer was welcomed to his first Council Meeting.

It was reported that a letter had been received from the Minister of Health regretting that the Council could not agree to conduct an educational test for Registered Nurses in this country who wish to apply for Registration in British Columbia.

After previous consideration it was agreed that the names of psychiatric nurses, registered in New Zealand for Mental training by the Nurses and Midwives Board for New Zealand, should be eligible to appear on the Mental Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

In connection with the Working Party Report on Midwives, the Minister of Health was calling a meeting in order that points raised in the Report might be discussed, and asking that members of the General Nursing Council be nominated to attend. It was agreed that Miss Dey, Miss Alexander and Miss Calder represent the Council in this matter.

The Chairman announced that up to the end of December, 1948, the following names of nurses appear in the Register:—

General Part of the Register	...	116,318
Male Nurses	1,407
Mental Nurses	7,682
Nurses for Mental Defectives	921
Sick Children's Nurses	4,924
Fever Nurses	11,210
Total	142,462

In the June, 1949, Examinations the following number of candidates had been successful:—

Preliminary Examination:

Parts I and II	1,614
Part I only	2,286
Part II only	1,701
Total	5,601

Final Examination:

General Part of the Register	...	2,433
Male Nurses	201
Mental Nurses	46
Nurses for Mental Defectives	6
Sick Children's Nurses	137
Fever Nurses	116
Total	2,939

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £5,500 for weekly salaries and Inspectors' expenses; £1,500 for postage; and £13,000 for Examiners' Claims were allowed.

Items of expenditure to the value of £345 16s. od., including £144 for filing cabinets for the Assistant Nurses' Department were agreed.

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