

over the Lighthouse by the keepers—who spare no pains to give much interesting information concerning the very elaborate, up-to-date electrical machinery installed there.

So in seeking where to roam far from the madding crowd, Hartland will answer the quest! This wild, beautiful corner of North Devon with its ancient farms and homesteads, still stand today as they were when heroes such as Sir W. Courtenay, Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Francis Drake and Sir J. Hawkins must have sailed its seas and trod its lovely lanes.

At many of the farms and cottages guests are welcomed with courtesy and every consideration, which last but not least, include a most generous table at reasonable cost, but naturally, it must be remembered that the charm of ancient buildings has sometimes sanitary limitations.

The following, however, are a few farms and guest houses where the high standard and kindly spirit play an inestimable part towards the realisation of the completely successful visit. Such can be enjoyed with:—

Miss Dennis, The Retreat, Milford, Nr. Hartland, N. Devon—a cottage with a lovely garden.

Mrs. Cook, Fosfelle Guest House, Hartland, N. Devon—charming garden and house, a few miles from Clovelly.

Mrs. Head, Laburnham Farm (close to Shipload Bay), Nr. Hartland, N. Devon.

Mrs. Waters, Atlantic View, Bideford Road, Nr. Hartland, N. Devon.

Mrs. Pyne, Blagdon Farm, Hartland Point, close to Lighthouse.

Mrs. E. George, Downe Farm, Hartland, N. Devon. The Proprietor, Strawberry Water (close to the sea), Welcome Bay, Nr. Hartland, N. Devon.

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## 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 June 23rd. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., Chairman, presided.

### Congratulations.

Congratulations were passed to Miss C. A. Alexander, Dr. Rees Thomas and Mr. Sayer upon their names having been published in the King's Birthday Honours.

It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to deal with matters arising out of the Training of Sister Tutors; after nominations had been made for seats on this sub-committee, a ballot was taken and Miss C. A. Alexander, Miss Houghton and Mr. Sayer were appointed.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £4,000 for cash account, £8,000 for Examiners' claims and £1,500 for Postage were allowed.

Estimates for stationery to the value of £84 8s. 11d. were accepted.

### Education and Examination.

The Council considered *in camera* the report from the Committee which had considered the second report from the Director of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology on the investigation which has been carried out by the Institute in connection with the re-institution of the Test Examination.

The Council also considered *in camera* the question of the type of expenditure which can be considered as nurse-training expenditure under Section 4 of the Nurses Act, 1949, before the draft documents were forwarded to the Minister of Health.

It was also agreed that the amount of sick leave a Student Nurse is allowed in respect of each year of training be reduced from two weeks to seven days, and that all sick leave in excess of this amount be made up before the Student Nurse enters for the Final Examination; that this ruling be brought into operation in respect of candidates entering for the Examinations to be held in October, 1951, and subsequently.

Approval of Hospitals as Training Schools was withdrawn, and full approval to Hospitals was granted. A Pre-Nursing Course was approved.

### General Purposes.

It was agreed that the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland be granted the use of a third room at 17, Portland Place, at an inclusive rental of £275 per annum for the three rooms.

It was agreed that the present uniform allowance of £25 per annum to the Education Officer and Inspectors be increased to £50 for the first year, the allowance in respect of subsequent years remaining at £25, but the allowance for the second and third years to be payable together at the option of the officer concerned; and that the revised allowances should be paid retrospectively in respect of the Education Officer and the Inspectors already on the Council's staff.

### A Report from the Returning Officer on the Election of Members to Council.

Sir John Dain, after issuing the results of the Election (the list of the successful candidates appears on another page), made some comments on the 1950 Election of Council, in which 151 candidates were nominated as against 32 in the 1944 Election.

Nine nominations were rejected and four were withdrawn, leaving 138 candidates; 1,187 ballot papers were rejected for various reasons; over 900 papers were received too late for counting, and were still coming in; 400,469 votes were polled, as against 275,000 in 1944.

Thanks were expressed to Sir John and by him for help received from members of the staff during the period covering the Election.

### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for July 28th.

## King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

### Report of Annual Meeting of Council, 1950.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER presided at the Annual Meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London held on June 6th at St. James's Palace.

His Royal Highness said that the Annual Report of the King's Fund struck an optimistic note in reviewing the second year of the new national hospital service. The King's Fund stood a little aside from the national service and could lay claim to some independence of judgment. It was a fact of which the country could be proud that the change-over from the traditional patterns to an entirely new and revolutionary system of hospital care had been accomplished smoothly and without serious dislocation of existing services. Indeed, there had already been improvements in some directions, notably in the staffing of hospitals.

Sir Edward Peacock, Treasurer, reported that the total receipts for 1949 came to £671,432. The disbursements made during the year were exceptionally large. £250,000 was appropriated for homes for the aged sick, and another £209,860 went in grants to hospitals and convalescent homes. The special services, including various properties purchased, absorbed £77,562. Expenses of administration and of the Emergency Bed Service brought the total outgoings to £573,551.

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