

## 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 Monday, October 15th, 1951, at 3 p.m.

Miss D. de M. Warren, D.N. (Lond.), Vice-President, was in the Chair.

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

On rising Miss Warren felt sure all with her very much regretted that the President, Miss H. McLoughlin, owing to a sharp attack of influenza was unavoidably prevented from being with them.

### Business Arising.

Re The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, letters were reported (a) Dame Katharine H. Jones, D.B.E., R.R.C., accepting nomination as President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and from Miss M. B. MacKellar consenting to stand for nomination as Hon. Treasurer, in place of Miss M. Edwards, M.V.O., who does not wish to stand for re-election.

A letter expressing thanks for a donation from a Fellow whose dividends in face of high Income Tax, are much depleted.

### Election of Members.

Applications for membership of the College were received, all were elected.

### Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement for the past month to October 15th was presented and adopted.

### Lectures.

Lectures to take place in the Spring were considered.

### Draft Annual Report.

The Draft Annual Report for 1950-51 was considered and adopted.

The Meeting then terminated.

## Swiss T.B. Treatment.

THE FIRST PARTY of tuberculosis sufferers to go to Switzerland from England and Wales for treatment under the National Health Service left London on October 3rd.

This "pilot" party consists of eight men and five women patients from the Metropolitan hospital regions. They are the advance guard of the first 130 patients who will travel by coach, sea and rail to Davos in small escorted parties during the next two months. The Sanatorium Angleterre, which has 80 beds, will be wholly occupied by male patients from this country. For women, 50 beds have been reserved at the Park Sanatorium.

The next party left for Switzerland on October 10th.

Patients are being selected from those waiting to go into sanatoria by consultant specialists acting for the Regional Hospital Boards. Selection depends on clinical circumstances, and patients sent to Switzerland (subject to their consent) will in general be adults with early respiratory tuberculosis.

There will be a British Red Cross welfare officer at Davos, and a British doctor will be associated with the two sanatoria. The Ministry of Health is receiving the assistance of the British Red Cross Society in the preliminary preparations and travel arrangements for the patients and close attention is being given to their care and comfort on the journey and to their welfare during their stay in Switzerland.

## Scholarships Offered to State Registered Nurses.

THIS YEAR the Joint Committee of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the British Red Cross Society are again offering scholarships to State Registered Nurses wishing to take the following courses in 1952:—

1. Nursing Administration (Hospital).
2. Nursing Administration (Public Health).
3. Nursing Administration (Industrial).
4. Dietetics.
5. Health Visitor Tutor's.
6. Industrial Nurse Tutor's.
7. Midwife Teachers.
8. Sister Tutor's (only if the candidate is ineligible for secondment).

With the exception of the Midwife Teachers and the Sister Tutor's courses scholarships of £300 are offered. Scholarships up to £150 are offered for the Midwife Teachers course, both full and part time, and £600 for the Sister Tutor's course which is now of two years duration.

Candidates for the Sister Tutor's course will only be considered for scholarships if they have applied for secondment with salary under the Ministry of Health scheme and have been found ineligible.

Candidates should apply to Miss P. Hall, Secretary, at 12, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1, for application forms, which must be completed and received at that office not later than January 31st, 1952.

## Christmas Seals and the Campaign against Tuberculosis.

EVERY YEAR MORE AND MORE Christmas Seals are to be seen on letters and parcels at Christmas time. Last year there were 50 million, this year it will be about 70 million. These Christmas Seals are not only decorative in themselves, but are the means of helping thousands of sufferers from tuberculosis and of preventing the spread of this dangerous disease.

For many years the NAPT Christmas Seals have generously been given by the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, but this year they have been printed in England from a design by a patient. The Seals depict Father Christmas in his sledge drawn by an unusual but most entertaining reindeer, and bear the double-barred Red Cross, the international symbol of the fight against tuberculosis. The cost of the Christmas Seals is 4s. per 100, and of Christmas Cards in a similar design, 6s. per dozen (including envelopes), and both can be obtained from the Duchess of Portland, Chairman, NAPT, Tavistock House North, W.C.1. The Christmas Seals sale opened on October 22nd, and continues until Christmas.

The idea of a Christmas Seal campaign to raise funds for tuberculosis sufferers started in Denmark 50 years ago, and has since been adopted by a great many countries. Although they cost only a halfpenny each, some hundreds of thousands of pounds for the work of local Care Committees and for the activities of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis have been raised in under twenty years by the sale of Christmas Seals. The social welfare of the tuberculous patient and his family and the control of the disease through research, education and propaganda are part of the work which has been carried on by the NAPT for over 50 years, and for which the Christmas Seal sale provides the chief financial support.

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