

The Buckmaster Memorial Home, Broadstairs.

HAVING JUST RETURNED from a delightful three weeks' holiday, spent at the very fine Buckmaster Memorial Home, at Broadstairs, one of the members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., has sent this interesting description.

The Home was built and founded by the late Mrs. Jane Buckmaster in 1895 in memory of her husband, the late Thomas Buckmaster, Esq., and is intended for the benefit of gentlewomen of small means.

The Lady Superintendent, Miss Reynolds, S.R.N., is a most generous and kindly hostess and with her staff helps one to fit in and become one of the family straight away.

It is a beautiful large spacious mansion with fine drawing-room in which there are plenty of comfortable easy chairs and lounges; a large library well lined with books, also several writing tables where one can write in quiet and comfort; large dining-room with long polished table beautifully arranged and where one eats in joy and comfort and joins in lively and gay talk with Miss Reynolds and fellow guests.

Each morning after breakfast the most beautiful prayers were read by Miss Reynolds.

There are three acres of lawn, flower and kitchen gardens, plenty of deck chairs to be placed at will, also a tent and deck chairs on nearby beach.

The Home is situated on the finest residential sea front and nearly all windows overlook the sea. I had a dear, small bedroom, hot and cold water, most comfortable bed, and was awakened each morning by smiling maid with a cup of tea—there are plenty of bathrooms, toilets and hot water, etc.

My pen is quite unable to describe the great beauty of this very lovely house which is so spaciouly planned.

Should readers be interested, apply to Lady Superintendent.
C. B.

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 July 27th.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

It was reported that a further £30,000 had been invested in 2½ per cent. Saving Bonds.

The Rules prescribed by the Council under the Nurses Act, 1919-1949 in their consolidated form were approved.

Names were considered from members of the Council willing to serve on the new Finance Committee, and a ballot took place.

The new Finance Committee was appointed: Mr. Bartlett, Miss Calder, Mr. Constable, Mr. Diamond, Miss Duff Grant, Mr. Grosvenor, Miss Marriott and Dr. Trayer. The

Chairman and Vice-Chairman are *ex officio* members of the Committee, and Mr. West and Mr. Hayhurst are members appointed by the Ministry of Health.

Finance

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £10,500 for cash account (two months' weekly salaries and Inspectors' expenses) and £1,000 for Examiners' claims were allowed.

It was agreed that estimates to the value of £927 17s. 5d. be accepted for the removal or addition of names to the Roll from September, 1950 to April, 1951.

Registration

With reference to the Minister of Health's suggestion to establish an expert advisory committee to examine applications from nurses trained abroad for admission to the Minister's List, the following draft letter was approved by the Council:—

Your Ref. : 3B2/93259/9/9B.

Sir,

Nurses Trained Abroad

I have to acknowledge your letter of July 11th, 1951, enclosing for the information of my Council a copy of a letter which has been sent to certain nursing organisations suggesting the establishment of an expert advisory committee to examine applications for admission to the Minister's list of foreign trained nurses.

This letter and enclosure were reported to my Council at their meeting to-day, when I was instructed to state that while the setting up of such an advisory committee to examine applications from foreign trained nurses coming to this country for visits up to one year is in accordance with the proposals

agreed upon at the Conference held at the Ministry on March 5th, 1951, the Council are very concerned to note that the proposals contained in the enclosure make no reference to the limitation of this class of person to those proposing to remain in the country for such short periods only, nor does it appear that any provision is to be made, either by means of an additional fee or otherwise, to prevent persons admitted to the list from remaining there indefinitely rather than applying for registration with the Council if they remain in the country longer than a year.

My Council feel strongly that the setting up of such a list without any conditions as to a time limit would create a position directly opposed to the purpose for which the Council's powers in regard to the registration of nurses trained abroad were widened under Section 10 of the Nurses Act, 1949, since there would be no reason why such persons should not apply instead for admission to the Minister's list at a very much smaller fee; nor would those foreign trained nurses whom the Council requires, after consideration of the training they have undergone, to undergo further training and/or to pass the Council's Examinations before being admitted to



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