

Saturday, September 8th.*Morning.* Visits to Art Galleries and Museums.*Afternoon.* Depart for week-end as guests.

(Arrangements are made with the B.B.C. for some nurses of the party to participate in "In Town Tonight" programme.)

Sunday, September 9th.

FREE.

Monday, September 10th.

FREE (to visit the Festival of Britain Exhibition at Waterloo Bridge and Battersea Park).

Tuesday, September 11th.*Morning.* One group of 30—visit to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, 28, Portman Square. Dr. Ashworth Underwood, the Director, has arranged for a talk to be given.

One group of 30—visit Westminster Abbey.

Afternoon. As above—reversed.*Evening.* 5.30 p.m. One group of 30 to the London Hospital. Talk *re* Study day.

6.30 p.m. One group of 30 entertained by the Principal of the King Edward Hospital Fund Staff College, 147, Cromwell Road.

Wednesday, September 12th.*Morning.* 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m. Conference at Ministry of Health, Savile Row Offices. Speakers will be Medical and Chief Nursing Officers from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour and National Service.*Afternoon.* FREE.*Evening.* 6 p.m. Professional lecture at Moorfields Eye Hospital with entertainment and refreshments as guests of Miss MacKellar, the matron, and the nursing staff.**Thursday, September 13th.**

8.30 a.m. Whole-day visit by special coach to Cambridge. Visit to Addenbrooke's Hospital—guests at luncheon of the Matron, Miss Ottley. Afterwards, visit Papworth Village Settlement—guests at tea of Matron, Miss Robinson. Visit Colleges.

Friday, September 14th.

9 a.m. Leave by special coach for Harefield Sanatorium, Middlesex, arriving at 10 a.m.

12 noon. Lunch at Windsor at the Castle Hotel.

4.30 p.m. Tea at Messrs. D. H. Evans, Oxford Street, as guests of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Nurses.

Saturday, September 15th.

Depart.

A Successful Anti-Natal Clinic

Excellent results are being obtained by the trained nurses, health visitors, students and specialists of Johannesburg City Council's Ante-Natal Clinic.

Only one mother of the 2,922 treated at the Clinic in 1947-48 died in childbirth. Not one has been lost in the nine months of the present official year, out of 3,400 patients attending. Before any examination or questioning, the pregnant mother has her blood tested for the rhesus (Rh) factor. A specialist is always in attendance and radiologists work at the Clinic. If a woman fails to appear for her routine periodical examination, a member of the staff goes to her home, to see if there is domestic trouble or illness. Mothers are given layettes if they cannot afford to buy them. A qualified midwife goes to their home for the birth, but women are advised and encouraged to go to the City maternity hospital for their first confinement.

Training of Nurses.**Appointments to Area Committees.**

AREA NURSE-TRAINING COMMITTEES have now been appointed for each of the 14 Regional Hospital areas for England and Wales.

These Committees, which have been set up under the Nurses' Act, 1949, are to advise and assist the training institutions in the regional hospital area in all matters connected with the training of nurses; to advise and, if asked to do so, to assist the General Nursing Council in matters relating to the approval of training institutions; and to promote improvements and research into training methods.

This is the first time that such matters have been provided for on a regional basis.

Each Committee consists of 15 members, except in the Metropolitan regional hospital areas, where the membership is slightly larger. Four members are appointed to each Committee by the Regional Hospital Board for the area; one member (in Metropolitan areas two or three members) by Boards of Governors of teaching hospitals; five members by the General Nursing Council, one by the Central Midwives Board, and four by the Minister of Health.

Roughly one-third of the members are appointed until March 31st, 1954, and the remainder until March 31st, 1956.

Nurses are in the majority on each of the Committees. Out of a total membership of 215, there are 133 nurses, including 11 male nurses.

The appointments are as follows:—

Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.*Regional Hospital Board.*

Dr. W. G. PATTERSON, Senior Administrative Medical Officer, Newcastle R.H.B., "Blythswood South," Osborne Road, Newcastle, 2.

Miss G. M. WINTERHALDER, S.R.N., S.C.M., Nursing Officer, Newcastle R.H.B., "Blythswood South," Osborne Road, Newcastle, 2.

Councillor A. C. R. PUNNETT, J.P., 174, Greystone Road, Carlisle.

Miss Elsie WRIGHT, S.R.N., S.R.M.N., D.N., Sister Tutor, St. Luke's Hospital, Middlesborough.

Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals.

Miss J. T. HUTTON, Matron, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1.

General Nursing Council.

Mr. J. B. CHALMERS, S.R.N., R.M.N., R.M.P.A., Chief Male Nurse, St. George's Hospital, Morpeth.

Miss D. R. GIBSON, S.R.N., Matron, General Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

Miss A. A. GRAHAM, S.R.N., Superintendent Health Visitor, Health Department, County Hall, Newcastle.

Prof. Sir James SPENCE, M.D., F.R.C.P., The University of Durham, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle.

Miss H. I. POWELL-THOMPSON, S.R.N., Tutor, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle, 1.

Central Midwives Board.

Miss M. M. Mansell, S.R.N., S.C.M., M.T.D., Midwifery Matron, General Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

*Minister of Health**after consultation with Local Health Authorities.*

Miss E. MYCOCK, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., Superintendent Health Visitor, Town Hall, South Shields.

Alderman J. COHEN, J.P., 16, Barnes Park Road, Sunderland, Co. Durham.

after consultation with Local Education Authorities.

Miss W. B. C. JEWsbury, Headmistress, High School for Girls, Darlington, Co. Durham.

after consultation with Universities.

Prof. J. P. TUCK, M.A., Professor of Education, University of Durham, King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1.

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