

answer at a distance. Headphones for wireless are being discarded in American hospitals in favour of a "husher-phone"—a disk about 10 cm. in diameter—which is placed under the pillow so that the patient can lie and hear the programme and even the occupant of the next bed cannot hear a sound. Hospital doors can be a great source of noise; this can be abated by a wide single door, with a good check return and without a catch—a plan followed in Westminster Hospital. The elimination of metal gates for lifts in favour of automatic doors would do away with another source of noise; and a noise which can be very irritating to patients, the hanging of cups on metal hooks in the ward kitchen, can be overcome by the use of leather-covered or plastic hooks.

The lighting of wards was also discussed, and what was called strip lighting—apparently fluorescent lighting—found some favour, though it had some critics, one nursing sister remarking that with this lighting "you cannot make up your mind what colour the patient is." Fluorescent lighting was stated by Capt. Stone to be very popular in American hospitals, but some device for toning it down is used in the wards. In the discussion speakers preferred for lighting at night a low-level light which can be switched on by the bed, also an independent light on the locker or near by which can be used for clinical purposes as well.

Mr. Bevan on Postponement

The final session of the conference was addressed by the Minister of Health. Mr. Aneurin Bevan said that there had been suggestions that the new Health Service ought not to start on July 5 because of shortage of beds, of equipment, of health centres, of doctors, and of nurses. But it was "stupid nonsense" to talk of postponing the Act until they had got all they needed. Expectation would always exceed capacity. In any case if there was a shortage it was all the more reason for making a well-balanced use of the resources available. "If there is a shortage of doctors on July 5, when the cash relationship between doctor and patient will disappear, it is very much more important that the doctors who are in short supply should spend their time looking after patients who really need to be looked after than that they should be looking after a lot of hypochondriacs who can afford to pay."

So far as nurses were concerned Mr. Bevan considered that the National Health Service itself ought to be the best recruiting agency. The conditions of nurses had been improved during the last year or so, and they would be improved even more. For example, the superannuation scheme would follow them wherever they went, from hospital to hospital, a thing which did not obtain at present. As for health centres, of course we were going to have health centres, but not all at once. Housing was the most important of all health services; if he had to choose between building houses and building health centres his choice was for houses. If a mother could have her baby in a good modern house it was better for her than to be in a maternity home.

From the beginning he had been most anxious that the people who actually ran the Service should have a bigger and bigger share in the policies which governed it. Democracy was not in the putting of a cross opposite somebody's name once in five years, but in the dynamic participation of the citizen in the affairs of his own profession or service. With this in mind it had been arranged to put a nurse on each Regional Board, but the Regional Board was not the main administrative hospital unit; this was the Management Committee, and it was desired that the staff groups in every hospital should be so organized as to have direct access to that committee. Participation of the nurse at hospital, regional, and national level was provided for in this scheme. There would be a Nurses' Advisory Committee at the top under the Central Health Services Council which advised the Minister. These advisory councils were very important bodies with power to make recommendations. Mr. Bevan stressed the freedom of the nurse in the Service to work where she wished; there was no power of direction, though there might be a request to a nurse to go to a hospital where there was shortage of staff. The Regional Board could not dismiss a nurse over the Management Committee's head because she was unwilling to go to another hospital.

In conclusion Mr. Bevan said that much attention had been drawn to what we had not got, but sometimes it was a good thing to call attention to what we had got, and we had some-

thing in this country which was of priceless value—namely, the genius for combining State and voluntary activity. Here we had a great centralized health scheme organized by the Government and paid for by the State—it was extraordinarily difficult to convince people that there was no contributory basis, but that the Service was provided for everybody from the national exchequer—but the voluntary system would be still at work. The voluntary system would be found on the Regional Boards and the Management and House Committees. It was this compromise between State and voluntary activity which showed the peculiar genius of the British people, and thanks largely to this he predicted that in some years' time—not too far ahead—people would be coming from all parts of the world to this country to study a magnificent health system.

SCOTTISH HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

The Scottish Health Services Council has been set up under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act to advise the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Service. It has elected Sir Humphrey Broun Lindsay chairman and Prof. Sydney Smith vice-chairman. Dr. E. R. C. Walker, Scottish Secretary of the B.M.A., has been appointed joint secretary with Mr. T. D. Haddow, of the Department of Health for Scotland. The first meeting, which Mr. Woodburn attended, was held in Edinburgh on June 11. The following are the members of the Council:

Appointed until Dec. 31, 1949.—Lieut.-Col. J. C. Dundas, chairman, British Hospitals Association (Scottish branch); Prof. G. B. Fleming, visiting physician, Glasgow Sick Children's Hospital; Mr. J. M. Graham, consulting surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Prof. Sir David Henderson, Professor of Psychiatry, Edinburgh University; Mr. James F. Henderson, dental practitioner; Miss C. M'N. Keachie; Dr. David M'Call, assistant resident secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland; Dr. George MacFeat, chairman of Scottish Committee of B.M.A.; Prof. J. W. M'Nee, Regius Professor of Practice of Medicine, Glasgow; Mr. John Mann, Convener of Lanarkshire; Dr. W. D. D. Small, President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

Appointed until Dec. 31, 1950.—Dr. A. D. Briggs, medical superintendent, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; Sir Humphrey Broun Lindsay, Convener of East Lothian; Prof. D. F. Cappell, Professor of Pathology, Glasgow University; Dr. R. C. Scott Dow, examiner in dental surgery for Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Miss J. P. Ferlie, matron, Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Dr. G. Matthew Fyfe, Medical Officer of Health, Fife; Dr. J. R. Langmuir, chairman of Glasgow Local Medical Committee; Prof. J. R. Learmonth, Regius Professor of Surgery, Edinburgh University; Dr. I. H. Maciver, member of Northern Regional Hospital Board; Mr. William O'Neill; Capt. Joseph Steel, director of Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries; Capt. J. P. Younger, Director of Stirling Royal Infirmary.

Appointed until Dec. 31, 1951.—Prof. Dugald Baird, Regius Professor of Midwifery, Aberdeen; Dr. W. G. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Edinburgh; Mr. Alexander Cunningham, member of Stirling County Council; Mr. C. G. Drummond, pharmacist; Dr. Mary Esslemont, general practitioner in Aberdeen; Mr. W. F. Ferguson, secretary and treasurer of Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Miss E. G. Manners, matron, Glasgow Royal Infirmary; Dr. A. F. Wilkie Millar, general practitioner in Edinburgh; Mr. Thomas Rankin, consulting dental specialist in plastic and jaw injury units at Bangour and Ballochmyle; Dr. Ferguson Rodger, Medical Commissioner, General Board of Control for Scotland; Prof. Sydney Smith, Regius Professor of Forensic Medicine and Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Edinburgh University; Mr. James Young, Provost of Kirkcaldy.

BOARDS OF GOVERNORS OF TEACHING HOSPITALS

The Minister of Health has appointed the following chairmen and members of Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals:

United Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals.—Mr. Norman Dakeyne Newall, O.B.E., J.P. (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Dr. Robert Vivian Bradlaw; Alderman John Chapman; Mr. Edward Colgan; Mr. Edward Foyle Collingwood; Mr. Henry Harvey Evers, F.R.C.S.; Mr. Fred Burnand Fenwick; Prof. Ronald Bramble Green; Prof. Frederick John Natrass; Mr. John Walmsley; Mr. Thomas Alexander Wright.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Mr. William Allan; Viscount Allendale, C.B.E., M.C.; Alderman Peter Strong

Hancock, O.B.E.; Mr. W. Stanley Mitcalfe, M.C.; Mr. Robert Muckle; Rt. Hon. Lord Eustace Percy; Viscountess Ridley, J.P.; Sir Walter Thompson, J.P.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Dr. Thomas Henry Bates, J.P.; Mr. Norleigh Booth; Dr. Samuel Whately Davidson; Alderman N. Garrow, J.P.; Mr. John Gilmour, F.R.C.S.; Sir Mark Hodgson, O.B.E., J.P.; Mr. Walter Daglish Lockey, J.P.; Prof. James Calvert Spence, M.C.; Alderman Miss Margery Taylor, O.B.E., J.P.; Mr. Sam Usher.

United Leeds Hospitals.—Sir George W. Martin, K.B.E., J.P. (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Alderman David Beevers, J.P.; Prof. Andrew Moynihan Claye; Mr. W. M. Jones; Miss Elinor Gertrude Lupton, J.P.; Prof. William MacAdam; Prof. Thomas Talmage Read; Dr. John Elvin Rusby, M.C., T.D.; Prof. Arnold Nixon Shimmie.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Prof. Digby Chamberlain; Mr. Marcus Robert Hollings; Mr. Joseph Charles Hunter; Mr. William Wilson Powell; Rev. Canon Arthur Stretton Reeve; Mr. L. Richmond, C.B.E.; Mrs. I. Barbara Shaw; Mr. Richard Wheeler, J.P.; Alderman Joseph Wilkinson, J.P.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Mr. James Walker Booth; Mr. John Enrico Fattorini; Mr. Frederick J. Higginson; Dr. John Thornton Ingram; Dr. Bernard Mouat Jones, D.S.O.; Mr. Leslie Norman Pyrah, F.R.C.S.; Mr. Harold Abbot Ryott; Prof. Matthew John Stewart; Mr. Mark Whittock.

United Sheffield Hospitals.—Mr. A. Ballard (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Alderman Alfred Buxton, J.P.; Mr. Edward Thornton Lemmon; Mr. J. Madin, J.P.; Mr. Percy Malby; Mr. Arthur Ratcliffe Martin; Mr. James Irvine Orme Masson, M.B.E.; Mr. Theophilus Pearson; Dr. Henry Renwick Vickers; Mr. Thomas Gilbert Sorby; Prof. Edward Johnson Wayne.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Mr. James Victor Bibby, D.S.O.; Mr. Malcolm Brown; Mrs. Gladys Buxton, J.P.; Mr. John Lewis Anderson Grout, F.R.C.S.Ed., M.C.; Alderman Percy Judd; Dr. Balfour McKean; Mr. Frederick Marmaduke Osborn; Mr. Leslie Bonthron Patrick, F.R.C.S.Ed.; Mr. William Raymond Shirecliffe Stephenson; Mr. Gerard Francis Young.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Mr. Ernest Anthony Barker; Sir Basil Gibson, J.P.; Mr. William James Lytle, F.R.C.S.; Dr. John Gibb McCrie, O.B.E., T.D.; Prof. George Lawrence Roberts; Prof. Charles Herbert Stuart-Harris; Alderman Mrs. Grace Tebbutt; Mr. John Wilford Trickett, J.P.

United Cambridge Hospitals.—Mr. Thomas Knox-Shaw, M.C. (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Miss Anna McClean Bidder; Lady Bragg, J.P.; Mrs. Ethel Hopher; Mr. George Hawkins, O.B.E.; Mr. Geoffrey Fletcher Hickson; Mr. Ernest William Plumpton, J.P.; Rev. Prof. Charles Earle Raven; Dr. Claude Howard Whittle.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Mrs. Ena Binfield; Mrs. Eleanor Margaret Charvet; Mr. Walter Maclaren Francis; Alderman Edward Thomas Halnan; Mr. Oswald Lloyd, F.R.C.S.; Mr. Roger Henry Parker, M.C.; Alderman Mrs. Emily Winifred Parsons; Mr. Alfred Stuart Howard Walford, F.R.C.S.; Rt. Hon. Henry Urmston Willink, M.C.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Mr. Stephen Oswald Chivers, C.B.E.; Dr. Leslie Barrett Cole; Prof. Henry Roy Dean; Mr. Percy Frederick Dennard; Alderman Dr. Robert Ellis; Mr. Sidney George Newman; Mr. Vernon Charles Pennell, F.R.C.S.; Mr. H. J. Pye; Mr. A. L. Symonds, M.B.E., M.P.; Prof. Sir Lionel Ernest Howard Whitby.

United Oxford Hospitals.—Mr. Edmund Cecil Bevers, F.R.C.S. (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Dr. C. W. Carter; Mr. Arthur Elliot-Smith, F.R.C.S.; Mr. Percy Gillians; Alderman Dr. Isabella Dron Harrison-Hall, J.P.; Mr. Aubrey Freeman King; Mr. Ronald Graeme Macbeth, F.R.C.S.Ed.; Mr. Leonard Vincent Murphy; Miss Rosemary Spooner; Dr. Arthur Quinton Wells.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Dr. Edward Miller Buzzard; Sir Henry Clay; Prof. Arthur Duncan Gardner; Mr. John J. Johnson, C.B.E.; Mr. Alfred William Henry Booth King; Mr. James Christopher Scott, F.R.C.S.; Mr. Edgar Alfred Smewin, J.P.; Mr. Ralph Frederick Symonds, O.B.E., T.D.; Dr. Janet Maria Vaughan, O.B.E.; Dr. John Christopher Wharton.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Mr. Leonard Bertie Guy Bellinger; Prof. Sir Hugh Cairns; Dr. Alexander Macdougall Cooke; Mr. H. A. Goddard; Mr. Gilbert Ernest Cecil Holt, J.P.; Mr. William Robert Robins, J.P.; Mr. John Thomson, T.D.; Alderman Lady Townsend, J.P.; Prof. L. J. Witts.

United Bristol Hospitals.—Mr. Charles Cyril Clarke (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Prof. Arthur Ivan Darling; Mr. Philip William Hort; Miss I. M. Lobb; Alderman John James Milton, J.P.; Sir Philip Robert Morris, C.B.E.; Mr. Anthony Gurdon Palin, F.R.C.S.Ed.; Lady Sinclair; Mr. Herbert Bland Stokes; Miss Helen Strimer.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Mr. Gilbert Charles Bennett; George Travers Biggs, D.S.O.; Prof. Robert James Brocklehurst; Mr. G. T. Bullock, M.B.E.; Prof. Albert Victor Neale; Rev. K. L. Parry; Dr. Sydney Kilshaw Rigg; Mr. Harold Leslie Shepherd, F.R.C.O.G.; Lady Wills, J.P.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Mr. George Alton Watson Allan; Mr. Egbert Cadbury, D.S.C., D.F.C., J.P.; Mr. William James Carter; Mr. Geoffrey Molyneux Fitzgibbon, F.R.C.S.; Dr. James Herbert Grove-White; Mr. John Angell James, F.R.C.S.; Prof. Robert Hughes Parry; Prof. Charles Bruce Perry; Mr. Herbert George Tanner.

United Cardiff Hospitals.—Mr. Gilbert David Shepherd, M.B.E., J.P. (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Alderman Joseph Dicks; Mr. Douglas Benjamin Evan Foster, F.R.C.S.; Alderman James Griffiths, J.P.; Mr. Alex Samuel William Johnson, J.P.; Sir Ewen J. Maclean, T.D., J.P.; Mr. Samuel Ralph Marsh; Mr. Ernest Vivian Rogers; Mr. Edward E. Tompkins, J.P.; Dr. Arthur Goronwy Watkins.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Alderman Sydney Jones; Mr. Robert Davies Owen, F.R.C.S.Ed.; Alderman Oliver Cuthbert Purnell, C.B.E., J.P.; Alderman Mrs. Dorothy M. Rees; Alderman Richard Gruffydd Robinson, J.P.; Prof. G. I. Strachan; Mr. Ernest Tear, J.P.; Sir Ivor B. Thomas, J.P.; Mr. James William Tudor Thomas, F.R.C.S.; Alderman the Rev. William Degweir Thomas.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Sir Frederick J. Alban, C.B.E., J.P.; Mrs. Helena Evans; Mr. Harold Finch; Prof. Jethro Gough; Mr. Charles James Hardwicke; Mr. Sidney Mitchell; Prof. Ralph M. F. Picken; Sir W. Reardon-Smith, Bt., J.P.; Dr. Thomas Roger Rees; Prof. Lambert Charles Rogers.

United Birmingham Hospitals.—Mr. Stephen France Burman, M.B.E. (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Mr. George Ball; Alderman Albert Frederick Bradbeer; Mr. D. Bulgin; Prof. Philip Cyril Power Cloake; Mr. John Fairfax Crowder; Alderman Mrs. Elsie May Farley, J.P.; Prof. Humphrey Francis Humphrey, O.B.E., M.C., T.D.; Mr. Raymond Edward Priestley, M.C.; Alderman Arthur James Stanley.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Mr. Alphonse Liguori d'Abreu, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.; Miss Edith Madge Barling, M.B.E.; Mr. Thomas Austin Hamilton Baynes, J.P.; Alderman William Tegfryn Bowen; Mr. C. L. Chatwin; Alderman Walter Leslie Dingley; Mr. Vernon William Grosvenor, J.P.; Prof. Hilary Nora Lloyd; Mr. William Henry Newton; Mr. William James Simpson.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Mr. Raleigh Robert Adam; Dr. Arthur Beauchamp; Mr. Keith Mindelsohn; Mrs. Helen Murtagh; Prof. Sir Leonard Gregory Parsons; Mr. Patterson; Mr. Baron Theodore Rose, F.R.C.S.; Mrs. Rachel Jane Smith; Prof. Arthur Peregrine Thomson; Mr. Eric Wilfred Vincent.

United Manchester Hospitals.—Mr. Colin Marshall Skinner (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Mrs. Jean Currier; Dr. Ogilvie Maxwell Duthie; Alderman Joseph Eastham, J.P.; Mr. Eric Christopher Carlyon Evans, M.B.E.; Mr. G. H. Goulden; Mr. Graham Halbert; Prof. H. S. Raper, C.B.E., F.R.S.; Sir John Stopford; Prof. Frank Clare Wilkinson.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Dr. William Brockbank; Mr. Percy Chadwick, J.P.; Mrs. Mabel Evans, J.P.; Mr. Thomas Mark Larrad, J.P.; Mr. Harry Lord; Prof. Sir Harry Platt; Prof. W. J. Pugh, O.B.E.; Mr. James Sillavan; Prof. Andrew Topping, T.D.; Very Rev. Garfield Hodder Williams, O.B.E.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Mr. Norman Montgomerie Agnew; Mr. William Chadwick; Dr. Eric Arthur Gerrard; Mr. Stuart Hirst Hampson, M.C., M.B.E.; Mr. Kenneth Graham Holden; Mr. Robert Lord Holt, F.R.C.S., O.B.E.; Mr. Joseph Kershaw; Mr. Robert Leech Newell, F.R.C.S.; Mr. William Onions, J.P.; Prof. Robert Platt.

United Liverpool Hospitals.—Sir Richard Harold Armstrong (chairman), who is appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1950: Mr. John Pye Bibby; Prof. Henry Cohen, J.P.; Mr. Thomas Henry Herron; Miss Mary Jones, O.B.E.; Mr. Thomas Keeling, J.P.; Mr. George Leather, J.P.; Mr. Thomas McDonald; Mr. James Bagot Oldham, F.R.C.S.; Dr. Prof. Hubert Horace Stones.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1951: Mrs. D. Barton, M.B.E., J.P.; Mr. Albert Nicholas Denaro, M.B.E., J.P.; Miss

Averill Doris Eills, M.B.E., J.P.; Prof. William Mowl Frazer, O.B.E.; Prof. Thomas Norman Arthur Jeffcoate; Alderman William John Lucas, J.P.; Mr. John Tertius Morrison, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.; Prof. Edwin Augustine Owen; Dr. Percy Henry Whitaker.

Appointed for the period ending March 31, 1952: Mr. Frederick Bidston; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Braddock, J.P., M.P.; Prof. Norman Brandon Capon; Dr. Robert Coope; Mr. A. Elliott, J.P.; Mr. Arthur Alexander Gemmell, M.C., F.R.C.S.Ed.; Mr. George Jennings; Dr. T. A. Jermy; Mr. James Frederick Mountford; Sir John Nicholson, Bt., C.I.E.; Mr. William Sutcliffe Rhodes, J.P.

MEDICAL BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The names of the following members of the medical profession were included in a Birthday Honours List published in *Supplements* to the *London Gazette* on June 10:

Barony

Sir ALFRED EDWARD WEBB-JOHNSON, Bt., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., M.B., Ch.B. Surgeon to H.M. Queen Mary. President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England since 1941.

K.B.E. (Military Division)

Air Vice-Marshal ALAN FILMER ROOK, C.B., O.B.E., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., R.A.F. Honorary Physician to the King. Consultant in Medicine to the Royal Air Force.

Knighthood

WILLIAM GILLIATT, C.V.O., M.D., M.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

JOHN NEWMAN MORRIS, C.M.G., M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S. Chairman of National Council of the Australian Red Cross. For outstanding services in Red Cross matters and voluntary hospital work in the State of Victoria.

DAVID THOMAS ROCYN-JONES, C.B.E., D.L., M.B., C.M., D.P.H., J.P. For public services in South Wales.

C.B. (Military Division)

Surgeon Rear-Admiral OWEN DEANE BROWNFIELD, O.B.E., M.B., B.S. Honorary Physician to the King.

Major-General JEREMIAH JOHN MAGNER, M.C., M.B., B.Ch., D.M.R., late Royal Army Medical Corps.

C.B. (Civil Division)

CHRISTOPHER FRANK GOOD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Principal Medical Officer, Insurance Medical Service, Ministry of Health.

C.M.G.

JOHN CECIL RANKIN BUCHANAN, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., D.T.M. and H., Colonial Medical Service. Director of Medical Services, Fiji, and Inspector-General, South Pacific Health Service.

PERCY STOCKS, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H. Chief Medical Statistician, General Register Office.

C.B.E. (Military Division)

Surgeon Captain FREDERICK GEORGE HUNT, M.B., B.Ch., R.N. Air Commodore ERIC ALFRED LUMLEY, M.C., M.D., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.T.M. and H., R.A.F.

C.B.E. (Civil Division)

JOHN HENRY BIGGART, M.D., D.Sc. Professor of Pathology and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Queen's University, Belfast.

CHARLES SAMUEL CURTIS, M.D., Medical Director and Superintendent of Newfoundland Medical Service.

FRANK ARNOLD GUNASEKERA, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Senator, formerly Officer Commanding, Ceylon Medical Corps.

EDWARD ROWLAND ALWORTH MEREWETHER, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.I.H. Senior Medical Inspector of Factories, Ministry of Labour and National Service.

JOHN ERNEST ALFRED UNDERWOOD, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. Principal Medical Officer, Ministry of Education.

O.B.E. (Civil Division)

WILLIAM DAVID BATHGATE, M.C., L.R.C.P. and S.Ed., Medical Superintendent, Hospital of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society, Nazareth, Palestine.

AGNES ELIZABETH LLOYD BENNETT, M.B.E., M.D. For services as medical practitioner in Wellington.

JOHN ROBERT BLAZE, L.M.S., Senior Physician, General Hospital, Colombo.

PERCY LESLIE FOOTE, F.R.C.S.Ed., Medical Superintendent, Buller Hospital, New Zealand.

JAMES JOHN JOSEPH GIRALDI, M.D. Physician, King George V Hospital, Gibraltar.

CHARLES NORMAN GRIFFIN, M.B.E., M.D., Colonial Medical Service. Federal Senior Medical Officer, Leeward Islands.

WILLIAM ARTHUR EDWARD KARUNARATNE, M.D., Professor of Pathology, General Hospital, Colombo.

SHANKAR DHONDO KARVE, M.B., B.S. For public services in Kenya.

ROBERT KIRK, M.D., F.R.F.P.S., D.P.H., Bacteriologist, Sudan Medical Service.

Mrs. ELIZABETH JOSEPHINE LE SUEUR, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.T.M. and H., Lady Medical Officer, Sarawak.

EDOWO AWUNOR RENNER, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Medical Officer, Sierra Leone.

GEORGE FRANCIS THOMAS SAUNDERS, M.D., Colonial Medical Service. Senior Medical Officer, Gold Coast.

THOMAS EDMONDSTON SAXBY, F.R.F.P.S., J.P., Medical Practitioner, Unst, Shetland.

Honorary O.B.E. (Civil Division)

LAWRENCE MICHAEL EKEN RICHARD HENSHAW, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M., Medical Officer, Nigeria.

M.B.E. (Civil Division)

SYBIL KATHLEEN BATLEY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent, Church Missionary Society, Onitsha, Nigeria.

GEORGE ERIC WARNER LACEY, M.B., B.S. Admiralty Surgeon and Agent, Woolwich.

Knighthood for C. R. Harington, Ph.D., F.R.S.

The honour of knighthood was also conferred on Charles Robert Harington, Ph.D., F.R.S., Director of the National Institute for Medical Research.

TRAINING OF NURSES

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales has submitted to the Minister of Health a memorandum on the Report of the Working Party on the Recruitment and Training of Nurses (Sept. 13, 1947, p. 426). The Council advocates three years of training instead of the two years recommended by the Working Party, considering that it would be impossible to cover the suggested syllabus in the time. Candidates should undergo the G.N.C.'s test examination before entering the training school if they do not hold the requisite qualifications; they should have a comprehensive medical examination and also be interviewed by the matron. No candidate should start training before the age of 18. Student nurses should be on duty (including theoretical training) for not more than 96 hours a fortnight.

Discussing the wastage during training that the Working Party emphasized in its report, the Council considers that the statistics which the Working Party used are misleading because they relate largely to the war years, when many girls entered the profession to avoid being directed to other work. "Dislike of contact with sick people" is an important cause of wastage not discussed by the Working Party, and the G.N.C. points out that since June, 1947, this reason for discontinuing training has been returned by 63 out of 311 student nurses. Unfortunately it is discovered only after training has started. On the subject of discipline of student nurses, which was discussed at length by the Working Party and by the organizations that have commented on its report, the G.N.C. emphasizes that "discipline to a certain degree" is essential, but that the rules should be accepted and appreciated as necessary to the welfare and comfort of those living in the nurses' home.

In recent years student nurses have had to undertake work that would normally be performed by the domestic staff; the Council deplors this and considers that students ought only to care for nursing equipment and do such domestic duties as are part of the training. It asks the Minister of Health, and through him the Minister of Labour, to help in the urgent recruitment of ward orderlies and domestics.

Seventeen delegates from Belgium, China, Eire, France, Holland, Switzerland, and Sweden, with a power of attorney from Finland, and fifteen from this country, attended the meeting after the sixth annual conference of the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association to discuss the formation of a world federation of student pharmacists. Russia ignored the invitation. Five weeks before the meeting Czechoslovakia promised to send delegates; none arrived. Hungary, after agreeing to be present, wrote asking for an official invitation to allow delegates to get permits to leave the country. Nothing more was heard of them.