JANUARY, 1953

## The New Year Honours.

IN THE FIRST New Year Honours List announced in the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, some members of the Nursing Profession receive awards.

# Order of the British Empire.

## **C.B.E.**

Miss Frances G. Goodall, General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing.

#### **O.B.E.**

Mrs. E. R. Lewis, Principal Nursing Officer, S.S.A.F.A. Miss H. M. Wing, formerly Matron, Old Folk's Home, Magill, S. Australia.

#### M.B.E.

Miss Millicent Ash, Senior Health Visitor, City of Leicester.

Chief Male Nurse F. A. Birch, Broadmoor Institution.

Mrs. Kate E. Blake, Domiciliary Midwife, Norwich. Miss Edith R. Clayton, Home Nurse, Lee District Nursing Service.

Miss Margaret A. Ligertwood, Matron, East Park Home for Infirm Children, Glasgow.

Miss Jessie J. Ralph, lately Matron, West Cornwall

Hospital, Penzance. Mrs. Kathleen M. Rolfe, Matron, Cronk Ruagh

Sanatorium, Isle of Man. Miss Dora E. Tonks, lately Superintendent Health Visitor, Wolverhampton County Borough.

Miss Jane A. Weller, Ward Sister, Fountain Hospital, London, S.W.

Miss Helen D. Grant, formerly Matron, Masterton Public Hospital, New Zealand.

Miss Vida A. Milroy, District Nurse and Nurse Inspector, New Plymouth, New Zealand. Nursing Sister Mrs. Ann Blanchflower, Queen Elizabeth

Colonial Nursing Service, Medical Dept., N. Nigeria. Sister Winifred M. N. Bullard, for Social and Nursing

Services in Tanganyika. Miss Doreen E. M. Hackett, Health Sister, Queen Elizabeth Colonial Nursing Service, Sibis and Raub, Federation of Malaya.

Miss Isabel McK. Nicolson, Queen Elizabeth Colonial Nursing Service, Matron, European Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya.

Charge Nurse Eugenie Taylor, Alexandra Hospital, Nevis, Leeward Islands.

Charge Nurse I. E. Rawson, Kew Children's Cottages,

Victoria, Australia. Miss C. J. Skirving, Matron, Launceston General Hospital, Tasmania.

#### **British Empire Medal.**

Miss E. Jones, Sister, W. Wales Sanatorium, Llanybyther.

Miss Check Foon Ho, Health Visitor, Jelebu, Federation of Malaya.

## The Royal Red Cross.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS. A.R.R.C.

Superintending Sister Bridget D. Harvey. Superintending Sister Dorothy A Stoy.

## Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

FIRST CLASS. R.R.C.

Major Margery F. Mallett.

Major Irene I. Scruton.

SECOND CLASS. A.R.R.C.

Major F. V. Hynes.

Captain Ethel M. Scott.

# Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

FIRST CLASS. R.R.C.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, Air Chief Commandant.

Wing Officer Mary Gall.

SECOND CLASS. A.R.R.C.

Flight Officer Jane E. Daly.

Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS. A.R.R.C.

Principal Matron Charlotte McRae, Matron-in-Chief.

## C.B.E.

Mr. Arnold Walker, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., Chairman of the Central Midwives Board, was awarded the C.B.E.

# The Passing of Sister Elizabeth Kenny.

#### A Pioneer in the Treatment of Polio-myelitis.

COLLEAGUES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD will learn, with revered regret, of the passing of Sister Kenny, famous for her career of self-sacrifice in Bush Nursing in Australia.

Elizabeth Kenny was a native of New South Wales, and began her career by training as a missionary, but later decided to follow the medical side of that work, and qualified as a nurse.

It was in this branch of nursing that, at an early age, she first become acquainted with the dread disease of Infantile Paralysis.

A distance of 100 miles separating her from the nearest doctor, prompted her to send a native runner describing the ailment and asking for advice, to which "treatment unknown-do your best" brought the doctor's reply.

Acting on these instructions, Sister Kenny achieved her first success, and these methods she maintained, amongst which was the dispensing with splints, leaving the limbs freedom of movement-a practice which was not accepted by the Medical Profession.

Nevertheless, Sister Kenny considered that this method prevented deformity, a typical result of the disease.

After all her labours, a Royal Commission in Queensland refuted her methods, as also did the London County Council, but five Kenny Clinics have been set up in the United States, and 18 are practising elsewhere. President Truman also honoured her work.

She served as a nurse with the Australian Army during the 1914-18 War, and was wounded by shrapnel.

The Nursing Profession has lost one of her most brilliant colleagues.



