

"In pursuit of that supreme ideal the Commonwealth is moving steadily towards greater harmony between its many creeds, colours and races, despite the imperfections by which, like every human institution, it is beset. Already, indeed in the last half-century, it has proved itself the most effective and progressive association of peoples which history has yet seen, and its ideal of brotherhood embraces the whole world.

"To all my peoples throughout the Commonwealth I commend that Christmas hope and prayer.

"And now I want to say something to my people in New Zealand. Last night a most grievous railway accident took place at Tangiwai, which will have brought tragedy into many homes and sorrow into all upon this Christmas Day.

"I know there is no one in New Zealand and indeed throughout the Commonwealth, who will not join with my husband and me in sending to those who mourn a message of sympathy in their loss. I pray that they and all who have been injured may be comforted and strengthened."

Another occasion for which 1953 is memorable came when Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother received in audience at Clarence House, Miss L. G. Duff Grant, the President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of which Her Majesty is Patron.

The New Year Honours.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II has conferred many New Year Honours upon her subjects, and we congratulate those members of the Nursing Profession who have been honoured.

Order of the British Empire.

C.B.E.

Miss Daisy Caroline Bridges, Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses.

O.B.E.

FOREIGN OFFICE LIST

Miss Margery Hill, lately Matron, British American Hospital, Madrid.

COLONIAL OFFICE

Rev. Sister M. M. Nolan, for Medical and Missionary Work in Nigeria.

NEW ZEALAND LIST

Miss M. F. Barnett, Dep. Director of Nursing Division, Health Department.

M.B.E.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Harrison, Midwife, near Canterbury.

Royal Red Cross.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS A.R.R.C.

Miss E. N. G. Gill, Superintending Sister.

Miss C. F. J. Cooke, Senior Nursing Sister.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

FIRST CLASS R.R.C.

Major Lois E. Thompson.

SECOND CLASS A.R.R.C.

Cpl. E. K. Gallant.

Major S. A. Raine.

Captain M. H. Rundle.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

FIRST CLASS R.R.C.

Wing Officer A. Lowrey.

Squadron Officer E. Maltman.

We should also like to offer our congratulations to Mr. Arnold Marsh, Director of the National Smoke Abatement Society, for his part in the campaign against Smog, who receives the O.B.E.; to Mr. Jacob Epstein, we often meet him near this office, who receives the K.B.E.; and to Mr. George Robey, Knight, who has entertained us for many years, and given of his best on charitable occasions.

Nursing Echoes.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to send a generous subscription for 1954 to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, Mr. Iain Macleod, has accepted the invitation of the Swedish Government to pay a six-day visit to Sweden. Mr. Macleod flew to Stockholm on January 10th and is returning by air.

During his stay his programme included visits to hospitals, one of them a mental hospital, and homes for children and old people. He was also hoping to meet the Swedish Ministers of Health and the Interior.

Mr. Macleod attended the opening of Parliament in the Royal Palace, and was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Swedish Government. He is also addressing the Swedish British Society in Stockholm.

MISS SUDA MINPRADIT, a nurse from Thailand, has arrived in London for training in midwifery at a London Hospital. She is one of two trainees from Thailand at present in this country taking courses provided for them by H.M. Government under the Colombo Plan Technical Co-operation Scheme.

Miss Minpradit began a year's course in midwifery at the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, Samuel Street, Woolwich, on November 1st. The course will last a year and if at the end of the course Miss Minpradit secures the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, she will be granted a further year's training to enable her to take a midwifery tutor's course.

Miss Minpradit, who lives at Bangkerlam, Yannawa, Bangkok, was educated first in Thailand then went to Japan for further studies and to specialise in kindergarten work at Kotoyochichi College. She then took up nursing and after three years' work at Thonburi School of Nursing, Midwifery and Hygiene, joined the staff of a hospital for a year and then transferred to the Department of Health in Bangkok to assist in the organisation of a midwifery service. She is Senior Midwife at the Maternal and Child Health Centre in Bangkok.

MISS DIANA KIDD, of Guildford, Surrey has just been sent to Israel under the United Nations programme of technical assistance to under-developed countries. Her appointment has been made by the World Health Organization, a United Nations Specialized Agency. She will serve for two years as a physiotherapist in the Sarafend Hospital in Tel-Aviv.

For the past eight years, prior to her new appointment, Miss Kidd has served as a Chartered Physiotherapist at King's College, lecturing to the staff of the physiotherapy training school and doing research into methods of muscle development.

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