

## NURSING ECHOES.

Five Councillors of State have been appointed by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to act for the King during his absence in Canada.

The Queen will be one, and the others the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, the Princess Royal and Princess Arthur of Connaught.

The Queen is included because of the special provision in the Regency Act of 1937 which lays it down that the Consort of a King or Queen must be one of the Councillors of State appointed in the Sovereign's absence from the country or during the Sovereign's illness.

It is an interesting point in this connection that the Princess Arthur of Connaught writes S.R.N. after her name, and as President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, its members are naturally proud that she should be one of the Councillors of State appointed to act for the Sovereign during his absence from Great Britain.

Mr. Robert Bernays, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, speaking recently at Cambridge on Emergency Preparations, included the recruitment of Nursing auxiliaries.

"It is impossible," he said, "to over-emphasise the importance of recruiting the 100,000 women needed for the hospitals and the first-aid posts and of securing that they are properly trained."

Without them the extensive casualty accommodation which was being provided in existing hospitals and huddled additions was almost useless.

"If we can get these 100,000 auxiliaries," he said, "and see them through their hospital training, we shall have made the biggest step forward yet towards the establishment of an effective emergency hospital scheme."

It is to be regretted that the policy of the Ministry of Health has been so antagonistic to the Registered Nurses' organisations taking part in helping to recruit

professional nurses. If there is a shortage of well-qualified nurses in any emergency, the Ministry of Health will be to blame.

The same courtesy should have been extended to the Nursing Profession that has been accorded to the Medical Profession, which has taken time by the forelock and is well prepared for national duty. It would be interesting to know what Mr. Bernays means by "hospital training." Presumably a few days. Such

recruits are not good enough for our defence forces in time of war. They should have a Pukka Red Cape.

The Welsh Tuberculosis inquiry has revealed a sad condition of affairs, and it is right that Mr. Clement Davies, chairman of the inquiry, is to start a crusade to remove the injustices, hardships and suffering caused by tuberculosis in Wales. Ignorance and poverty will need instruction and help, and the announcement that Mr. Davies will address the people in every district in Wales until the evils revealed have been removed sounds a true policy. We wish him success. He should have all the help possible from district nurses and health visitors.

One of the most beneficent of charities is the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, to the success of which the Hon. Secretary, Miss Isabel Macdonald, devotes so much time. We report with pleasure that the late Mrs. Theresa S. Kennedy, of

Leamington Spa, has bequeathed £400 in support of the pensions it provides for trained nurses.

We should all like to pay a visit to New York to see the World's Fair opened there on April 30th, and it is good news that the pavilion Great Britain has erected stands complete in the Court of Peace, which will be the centre of lavish hospitality for six months. Our King and Queen are to see the great show on their visit to New York this month, when ten thousand bulbs brought from England will be in flower in a lovely garden, where a band of the Coldstream Guards will play.



H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT  
COUNCILLOR OF STATE.

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