

Nursing Echoes.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 120 nurses to be Queen's Nurses; 92 in England, 2 in Wales, 25 in Scotland and 1 in Northern Ireland.

THE charming photograph of Prince Charles with his mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth, marking the anniversary of his first birthday, presents a shining example of maternal love and baby happiness. It is therefore with an affectionate and fascinating interest that we are proud to note his evident progress—the bright smile, and to learn of natural intelligent characteristics already sensed.

On the morning of November 14th, 1949, as any other child in the kingdom, of which he will one day be king, intriguing gifts were there to greet his awakening. His first birthday party was held at his home, Clarence House, when on the birthday cake his first candle was lighted to celebrate the joyous occasion, the anniversary of his birth.

In wishing Prince Charles, the sturdy little toddler of to-day, a happy year, we pray that in the great tradition of his inheritance in the service of his country his shall be the joy to find happiness everywhere and the well springs within.

THE NURSING JOURNALS from overseas are a constant source of interest to us in the Journal Office, and much we should often like to quote but, alas, lack of space prevents us from doing so.

In the *South African Nursing Journal* just to hand we read that "Eaglemont," the nursing college

of the Johannesburg Hospital, has been renamed the "B. G. Alexander College" in memory of the hospital's former great Matron-in-Chief. This announcement was made last month by Mr. H. R. Solomon, Chairman of the Hospital Board, on the occasion of the presentation of prizes and awards at the College. The name of this outstanding nurse is thus fittingly commemorated for many generations to come in the institution she served so notably.

We know our colleagues in South Africa will miss Miss B. G. Alexander's help and advice more as time goes on.

New Uniform for Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

Battledress will be worn for training and active service. Service-dress will be abolished and No. 1 dress will be substituted—to be worn for ceremonial parades, mess functions, walking-out, etc.

In selecting the colours for No. 1 dress, consideration has been given to the traditional grey and scarlet worn by Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (formed February 1st, 1949) will wear the same colours, although, for practical reasons, a darker shade of grey has been chosen.

New badges and buttons have also been designed, and are as follows:—

CAP BADGE—Danish cross with letter "A" in centre, enclosed in a laurel wreath with the Corps motto, "Sub Cruce Candida," superimposed and surmounted by a crown. Small base with lettering Q.A.R.A.N.C. in gilt and silver-plated metal.

COLLAR BADGE—As cap badge, except for size.

BUTTONS—Monogram of Her Majesty the late Queen Alexandra, surmounted by a crown.

Details of uniform are as follows:—

HEADRESS—Forge cap: Grey fur felt with black japanned strap and peak for wear on all occasions when No. 1 dress is worn. Officers of the rank of Senior Commander and above have a half-inch gold braid band on the peak. Beret: Grey serge material.

JACKET AND SKIRT—Grey. Material: Baratheia. The jacket has three cross-cut seams across the front, and the rounded skirt of the jacket is cut convex at

the front, similar to that of the Scottish regiments. The skirt is four-gored with slight widening at the hem. A centre seam in the front of the skirt matches the cross-cut seams of the jacket.

BELT—Walking-out: all ranks will wear a belt of the same material as the uniform, fastened with a two-pronged gilt metal buckle. Ceremonial: Officers will wear a scarlet rayon sash, two inches in width.

SHOULDER-STRAPS—For walking-out: Of material as for jacket with scarlet piping, and for ceremonial occasions, of twisted gold cord.



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