

Candidates should state age, qualifications and previous experience; reasons for wishing to do post-graduate work in tuberculosis; and should affirm their intention to continue in tuberculosis work after attaining the Scholarship.

Application should be made to Miss A. J. Weir, Scottish Secretary N.A.P.T., 65, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2, by November 1st, 1949.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses is arranged to be held on October 14th, 1949, at 2.30 p.m., at the Grafton Nurses' Home (University College Hospital), Tottenham Court Road, London, W.C.1.

The date of the meeting of the Grand Council arranged for November 24th, 1949, is to be confirmed.

Miss K. Armstrong, the President of the National Council of Nurses, attended meetings of the Western Group of the International Council of Nurses in Zurich from August 25th to 30th.

Meetings of the group are held annually and Miss Armstrong attended those held last year in Brussels.

The "News Letter" for July, published by the National Council of Nurses, is now ready, and contains details of the Conference of the International Council of Nurses held in Stockholm in June, and also of the Oxford and London Courses for nurses from overseas.

The "News Letter" is published quarterly, for which the annual subscription is 1s. Copies may be obtained from the offices of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 17, Portland Place, London, W.1.

The Best Branch of the Profession.

DOWN in Cape Town there is a young South African woman who has what must be one of the busiest nursery jobs.

She is the sister-in-charge of the nursery of a maternity home into which come every month some four score little citizens and "citizenesses" of the future.

"When I began my training," she said recently, "I wanted to specialise in child nursing, and after 17 months of this work I still feel that it is the best branch of the profession. It gives one a great sense of satisfaction, particularly when it involves caring for premature babies, or those who are ill. But if one has no love of them or if one is not in a good state of health, they would soon get on one's nerves."

Her nursery consists of a couple of airy rooms, each with 20 pretty pink-and-white cribs. Its day begins at six in the morning, for the youngsters require a lot of attention. It takes four of her assistants 2½ hours to bath them. Then there are the feeds, supplementary bottles of glucose and water have to be prepared, and there is the incessant changing of napkins. In the course of a day there are about 250 changes, by the two nurses on duty in one section. Tears and the sound of 40 crying babes are taken as a matter of course by the sister-in-charge and her staff, consisting of a junior sister and 10 other young women. "Surprising as it may seem," avers the sister-in-charge, "one gets used to it." Even in their first 10 days, she explained with amusement, some of the babies contrive to establish themselves as nursery favourites, and they are all called by their name.

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The Passing Bell.

Miss Bella Gordon Alexander, R.R.C., S.R.N.

WE greatly regret to learn, in the death of Miss B. G. Alexander, the passing of another of the pioneers of the last 50 years. She was ever a staunch supporter of internationalism through her very practical allegiance to the International Council of Nurses, attending several of



The late Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C., S.R.N.

their most outstanding Congresses, and a conspicuous figure in the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Born a Scot, after training at the Melrose Royal Infirmary and leaving her native land, South Africa claimed her for the rest of her very able career, in connection with which she acted as President of the South African Nurses' Association for some years, and was the first nurse member of the South African Medical Council.

We feel much sympathy for her relatives, and for those who knew her so well as Matron of the Johannesburg General Hospital.

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