

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

By virtue of this order, the 22nd September, 1950, is the date on which, under the provisions of section 1 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be reconstituted in accordance with the First Schedule to that Act.

Under the provisions of section 1 (3), the members of the Assistant Nurses Committee appointed by the Council who hold office on the 21st September, 1950, will vacate office on the expiration of that day.

Under the provisions of section 9, on the expiration of three months beginning with the 22nd September, 1950, or such longer period as may be ordered, there will be established a Mental Nurses Committee of the Council.

The Election.

MISS ADA A. WARD, S.R.N., S.C.M., has agreed to be nominated for election as a member of the new Council of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in the North-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Area. She was trained at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, the North-Western Fever Hospital, London, N.W., and the York Maternity Hospital, and holds the Sister-Tutors' Certificate and the Housekeeping Certificate of the Battersea Polytechnic.

Miss Ward has held posts as Ward Sister, Night Sister, Sister Tutor and Deputy Matron, and is now the honoured Matron at the Neasden Hospital, London, N.W., where she has, on more than one occasion, stood firm in support of her high principles in professional matters.

We wish Miss Ward success in her campaign to win a seat on the Governing Body of the profession she serves so well, and have pleasure in presenting her policy in this connection.

"My policy is to further a sound education and training



Miss A. A. Ward, S.R.N., S.C.M., in happy mood during the recent festive season.

for Student Nurses in theory and also to ensure a maximum amount of experience in practical nursing.

"I should endeavour to help promote a fuller understanding between the various categories of nurses and to retain the status of those nurses whose names are on the Supplementary Part of the State Register, having special regard to the Registered Fever Nurse.

"I would advocate that, where yet not inaugurated, all hospitals should institute as soon as possible a 48-hour week or 96-hour fortnight for both day and night staff."

A. WARD.

Nursing Echoes.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH has consented to be present at the opening session of the annual conference on maternity and child welfare on the morning of June 28th, at Friends House, N.W.1.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY has been graciously pleased to appoint 148 nurses to be Queen's Nurses—114 in England, 2 in Wales, 28 in Scotland and 4 in Northern Ireland.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE have accepted an invitation from the Corporation of Southport to hold the Health Congress in Southport in 1951, from April 23rd to 27th.

LORD MORAN, President of the Royal College of Physicians, is to broadcast at 8.45 p.m. on Sunday, March 12th in "The Week's Good Cause" in aid of the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund, of which he is Chairman of Appeals. The Fund, which was launched in 1946 to provide a worthy war memorial to the nurses and midwives of the British Commonwealth and Empire, now stands at over £71,000. It is hoped to reach £250,000 to form a fund to establish post-graduate travelling scholarships for nurses.

The furnishing of a war memorial chapel in Westminster Abbey, which forms the second object of the Fund, has been already provided for by the gifts of the nursing profession. At least £16,000 is needed as a capital sum to found each scholarship of not less than £350 per annum, although some donors, including the Royal College of Physicians which led the way, are giving seven-year scholarships under Deed of Covenant. An interim award of scholarships given outright in this way is being made this year, and candidates are being selected from the United Kingdom, Canada, Pakistan, Ceylon, Hong Kong and Singapore, and Malaya.

Gifts to the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund can be sent to Lord Moran, Chairman of Appeals, Appeals Office, 12, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

MISS I. O. MACKAY of the County Hospital, Inver-gordon, Scotland, has been awarded the first NAPT Scottish Scholarship, which is open to all female registered nurses working as nurses or health visitors in Scottish hospitals. Miss Mackay took her general

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