

Nursing Echoes.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 124 nurses to be Queen's Nurses. 107 in England, 15 in Scotland, and 2 in Northern Ireland.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH will be present at the opening session of the Annual Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare, to be held at the Church House, Westminster on June 27th, 28th and 29th, 1951.

IN WELCOMING THE new Minister of Health—Mr. Marquand—we trust that he will legislate that State Registered Nurses receive justice.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland announces the appointment of Miss Gwendoline Buttery of South Africa as Associate Executive Secretary to the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Buttery, who trained at the Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg, has a distinguished record of service in South Africa and many years of experience in public health nursing, with Tuberculosis as her particular field of work. She has knowledge of several languages. She has served on the Board of Directors of the South African Nursing Association and has been a member of the South African Nursing Council. She has also been one of two nurse representatives from that Council on the South African Medical Council.

Miss Buttery has twice been a delegate from South Africa at I.C.N. Congresses and in 1949 she acted as proxy for the President of the South African Nursing Association at the meetings of the I.C.N. Board of Directors and Grand Council in Sweden. She was also selected to present a paper on Tuberculosis nursing at the I.C.N. Fiftieth Anniversary Conference which followed these meetings. She is a member of the I.C.N. Nursing Service Committee.

The National Council of Nurses offers congratulations to Miss Buttery on her appointment and she can be assured of a warm welcome when she takes up her new duties at the I.C.N. Headquarters in London early in April, 1951.

THE N.A.P.T. SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE have appointed Miss Jean Brown as Research Scholar to

carry out an important piece of research into the welfare of tuberculous patients in areas of Central Scotland.

Miss Brown will begin her investigations on February 1st, 1951, and it is expected that she will follow up about a thousand patients and keep in close touch with medical and social workers in this field. The enquiry aims at finding out how far existing arrangements answer the real needs of the tuberculous person, and it has been gratifying to discover how warmly official quarters have welcomed the scheme.

THE N.A.P.T. SCOTTISH BRANCH announce the award of two scholarships for 1951 to enable nurses to spend a short period of study in Scandinavia.

Miss B. T. Gilmour, Superintending Nursing Officer to the County Council of Sutherland, receives the N.A.P.T. and Queen's Scholarship, and Miss J. Ballantyne, Matron of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Johnstone, the N.A.P.T. Nurses' Scholarship.

MISS NANCY SPURREY, has been appointed to the Queen Elizabeth's Colonial Nursing Service as a nursing sister in Northern Rhodesia.

Miss Spurrey is a state registered nurse, a state certified midwife, and has also obtained a certificate for the nursing and care of prematurely born infants. She trained at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport; the North Middlesex County Hospital, Edmonton; and Bristol Maternity Hospital.

She has held an appointment at Bristol Maternity Hospital as staff midwife.

Over-Doses of Medicine.

Ministry Warning.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH issues a warning against taking more than the prescribed dose of any medicine.

Many medicines, including cough mixtures, contain drugs which may be dangerous if taken in larger quantities than those ordered by the doctor, and children have died after being given excessive doses.

It is most important that the doctor's instructions should be carefully followed.

In these days when chemists provide any sort of glass container to hold medicine, we quite understand how fatal mistakes can occur amongst certain sections of the community.

Could not properly marked medicine bottles be placed on priority production? This appears to be an acute necessity by the Ministry feeling obliged to issue this official warning.



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The Rt. Hon. Hilary Marquand, newly appointed
Minister of Health.

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