

Nursing Echoes.

OUR ROYAL CHILDREN.

WE REJOICE TO SEE our sturdy, lovely Royal children—The Duke of Cornwall and his fascinating two-year-old sister, Princess Anne—here sharing the boon companionship of happy infancy.

Was there ever in the long history of Kings and Queens, descendants so blessed in their Royal heritage, born of a Queen of Queens, Elizabeth II, whose appealing grace, when opening her first Parliament won all hearts, and in her mastery of elocution, her speech, faultlessly delivered reached every corner of the House of Lords to the enchantment of all in that great and august assembly—without the aid of amplifiers!—and despite her duties as the reigning monarch, she made time on

holders of the Ophthalmic Certificate, is December 31st, 1952.

Any nurse possessing the Ophthalmic Certificate or who has been in charge of an Ophthalmic Department for a period of three years, is eligible to apply. A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed and all applications sent direct to: Miss MacKellar, Secretary, Ophthalmic Nursing Board, Moorfields, Westminster and Central Eye Hospital, City Road, London, E.C.1.

THIRTY DISTRICT NURSES on the staff of the Metropolitan District Nursing Association last year made 79,785 visits to sick people in Central London—an increase of 7,635 on 1950.

This represents an average of 2,659 visits by each nurse on foot and cycle.

Announcing these figures at the Association's annual general meeting at 18/20 Montague Street, London, W.C.1, on

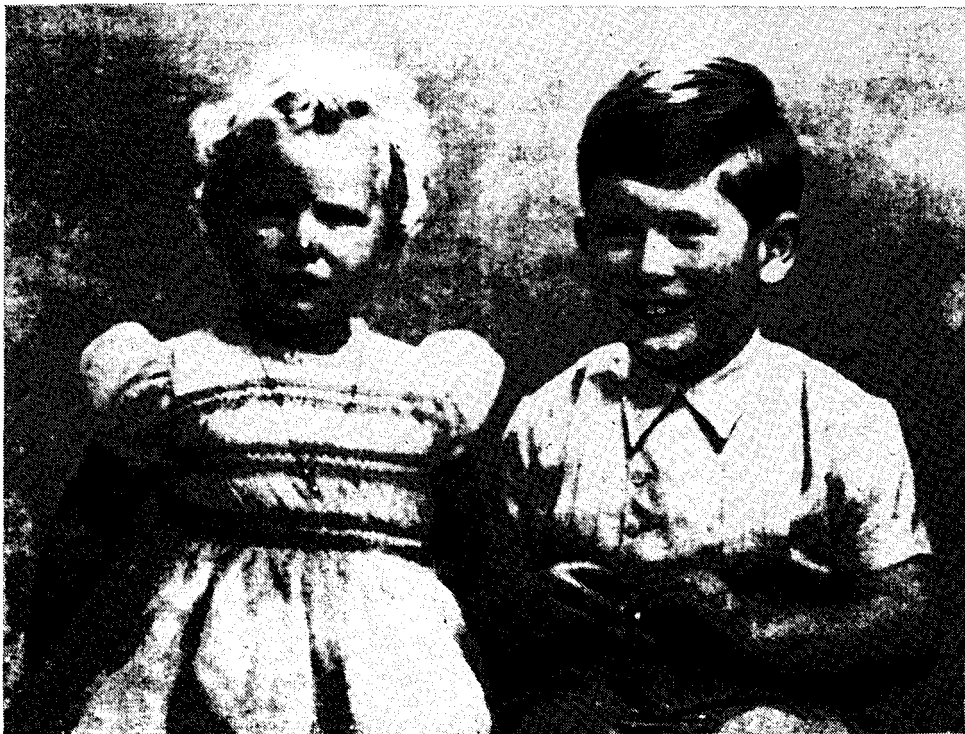


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that day to take her children to their cousin's birthday party.

If it is true that the most beautiful children are those born of a love match, we feel that whatever the vicissitudes of the future, their natural, happy home life ordained by their mother—The Queen (which she herself enjoyed) and their gifted father, The Duke of Edinburgh—the priceless, radiant influence of these happy childhood days is forever theirs. A.S.B.

IT IS WITH VERY GRAVE MISGIVING that we note in the Press the increasing infiltration of the semi-trained nurse, to the point of the fully qualified frankly admitting such to have representation in the International Council of Nurses, a great body originally organised for members only holding the hallmark of full qualification.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF JUNE, 1952, over 600 State Registered Nurses have been entered on the Ophthalmic Nurses' Register. The closing date for registration for

Wednesday, October 22nd, Lady Heald, chairman, said: "The nurses serve everyone in the Metropolitan area—from West End luxury flats to caretakers' apartments in the City and one-room dwellings in the Kings Cross, Euston and Camden Town districts. They work under all conditions and in all weathers.

"The Association is still a voluntary one although it was incorporated into the National Health Service in 1948. But to retain its independence, it must raise from voluntary sources a sum to cover 10 per cent. of its total expenditure during the year. With the increased work and rising costs, this proportion is now £2,000, all of which must come from subscriptions and donations."

Earlier, the Association's new headquarters was opened by the Mayor of Holborn (Councillor E. Ling Cooper, J.P., F.A.I.).

He lit a replica of Florence Nightingale's lamp and hung it over the main door—the Association was founded by Florence Nightingale in 1874 and was the first training home for district nurses in London.

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