

NURSING ECHOES.

The charming little Princess Marie Jose of Belgium has been much in England since the treatment of the country of her birth by an implacable foe aroused the indignation of the world. She is said to be a most spirited and dear child, and many a brave man has died gladly for his country and the King her father. May we all rejoice to see them safe once more in the land to which their hearts are so deeply attached.

Miss Annie Goodrich, President of the International Council of Nurses, writes from New York: "We are delighted to hear we are to have two delegates from England with us at the meeting at San Francisco. The reports of the Panama Exposition are very glowing; everyone says it is quite wonderful. . . .

"Even at this distance, the war casts such a shadow over everything (and the loss of the 'Lusitania' and wholesale murder of innocent human creatures has brought it home to the United States) that many of us find it difficult to take an interest in the Conference this year. The needless destruction of so many thousands of lives seems to make our efforts to save life very puny and insignificant, and not worth considering, but I suppose we will have to peg away at it just the same. . . .

Miss Dock is throwing all her strength and energy and every moment of her time into the suffrage movement, so we shall not have her

with us in San Francisco, which is a great disappointment."

Miss Dock has long been absolutely convinced that without the power of the vote, the inspiration of women's conscience for the good of the world is wasted, and she points to our registration movement in England as a terrible object lesson of the waste of human endeavour when powerless to bring direct influence on Parliament. She would have us all down

registration tools, and up with Votes for Women.

The Council of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses met at their offices, 58, Victoria Street, S.W., Mr. G. Franklin in the chair.

The appointment by Queen Alexandra of Lady Wimborne as a member of the Council of the Institute was reported. A vote of condolence was passed on the death of Lord Rothschild, who was one of the Trustees of the Institute. It was reported that a large number of the Queen's Nurses were undertaking nursing duty in connection with the war, and that Miss F. E. Filkin, Superintendent of the Cheshire



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS MARIE JOSE OF BELGIUM.

County Nursing Association, had been mentioned in despatches for distinguished conduct.

Two Associations have been affiliated to the Institute since the last meeting of the Council, and the names of 69 nurses have been placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses. Long-service badges were awarded to six Queen's Nurses for 21 years' service under the Institute.

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