

NURSING ECHOES.

In the House of Lords on April 12th, by Royal Commission, the Royal Assent was given to the Unemployment Insurance Act. By this Act Nursing becomes one of the exempted employments, a matter for congratulation, as the provisions of the principal Act were in no way suited to the needs of trained nurses.

The serious illness of the Crown Princess of Greece, formerly the beautiful Princess Elizabeth of Roumania, who is suffering from enteric fever at Athens, is causing much anxiety in the Royal Families of Greece and Roumania.

Sister Dumvill, of the Registered Nurses' Society, is helping to nurse the Princess on day duty, and as nothing responds more to good nursing than enteric fever, we may be sure that all possible will be done to save this precious young life.

Sir Harold Boulton, Chairman of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, has received from Sir Henry Streatfeild, private secretary to Queen Alexandra, Patron of the Institute, an acknowledgment of the Report for 1921. The letter states that Her Majesty rejoices to learn that through the special efforts of the Council the great work undertaken by the Queen's Institute has been so satisfactorily carried on during the year. She fully realises the many difficulties with which the Institute has to contend during these critical times, but most sincerely trusts that the steady progress recorded will be fully maintained. The report is so embracing and full of interest that Her Majesty is unable to touch on all the points mentioned, but, amongst others, notes all that is said about the good services of the staff of Inspectors. The letter expresses Her Majesty's continued interest in the affairs of the Institute, congratulates the Council on the success of their labours, and expresses her warmest hope that the difficulties in carrying on the work which she has so much at heart will gradually be surmounted.

As we have reported, the nurses of the Manchester Royal Infirmary intend to have a bazaar at the Infirmary in November next, by which they hope to raise the first £10,000 towards the building of a nurses' home. They have issued an appeal to former patients to show their gratitude for the care and treat-

ment they received (1) by sending money to the Manchester Royal Infirmary Nurses' Home Bazaar; (2) by sending material for making up into articles; (3) by sending goods of all kinds for sale (priced); (4) by coming to buy.

We are glad to note that the Directors of the Irish Nurses' Co-operative Hostel Co., Ltd., 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, were able to present a very satisfactory report to the shareholders at its Annual Meeting. They recommended the payment of a Dividend on Share Capital of 5 per cent., and carried forward a substantial balance.

The Report states that for the first six months of 1921 there was comparatively little work (which is not surprising considering the disturbed state of the country), but during the summer months the Nurses were busier, and from the end of the year they have been well employed. Many more country cases have been booked. We congratulate the Company on its prosperity.

The new Nurses' Home at the General Hospital, Hereford, which has been erected at a cost of £15,000, of which the Herefordshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society contributed £4,500, was opened on April 7th by the Honble. Violet Biddulph.

In the absence of the Chairman, Sir Geoffrey Cornwall, the Vice-Chairman, the Dean of Hereford, presided, and a large number of representative persons, including the Bishop of the Diocese, were present on the platform and took part in the proceedings. Amongst those on the platform were the present Matron of the Hospital, Miss C. Keys-Wells, and four former Matrons (Miss Bell, Miss Blake, Miss Steers, and Miss Tidman).

After Miss Biddulph had cut the silk ribbon which barred the main doorway, a little girl patient presented her with a beautiful bunch of pink carnations, and a baby in arms, carried by Sister Calcott, offered some lovely flowers for the Matron's acceptance.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a large company were entertained to tea in a marquee.

The new Home will accommodate 32 nurses.

Extraordinary scenes have taken place at the Notts County Asylum, Radcliffe-on-Trent, where 67 nurses and attendants struck work on April 10th as a protest against the increase of their hours of work in place of the reduction of their salaries. The staff contended that this was unjust as they worked 60 hours a

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