

NURSING ECHOES.

Please do not fail to read the Editorial, "An Important Announcement," in this week's issue, and to fill in and return the Form on page ii of the cover of the advertisement pages.

The Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, is keeping high festival this week in celebration of its seventh birthday, with so much good will that even the fog on the opening day could not damp the cheerfulness prevailing within. The bazaar, which was organized to defray the heavy expenses of structural repairs, opened on Tuesday by H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, is being continued throughout the week, and promises to be a great success. The organisers aim at obtaining £500, and judging from the display of beautiful and useful articles on the first day, we hope that this ambition may be realised, and the anxiety of Miss C. H. Mayers, the Hon. Secretary, as to ways and means to carry out repairs imperatively needed, may be relieved.

First in interest is the table where are displayed gifts graciously sent to the bazaar by Her Majesty the Queen, and by H.R.H. Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles. Amongst those sent by the Queen are some beautiful little frocks for wee children, handsome pottery, boxes of sweets, and silk-covered boxes embroidered with dainty flowers. The gifts of Princess Mary include some beautiful roses made entirely from shells, but so realistic as to be easily mistaken for the queen of flowers. These Royal contributions have a place of honour on a table to themselves in the drawing-room, which is entirely devoted to the bazaar. Members all over the world seem to have remembered the birthday of their Club, and there are most attractive embroideries and coloured figures from India (including an interesting contribution from Mrs. Starr); quaint baskets and other handiwork from Africa; a beautiful set of Japanese trays; necklaces which to see is to desire, of beads fashioned with the cunning known only to Italians. One section is of bedroom slippers, including some most desirable moccasins which would make a Christmas gift sure to be appreciated.

Amongst other things displayed are charming "undies," and a splendid black wool hearth-rug and door-mats made by the Club's cook. The rug Miss Mayers greatly covets for the Club, and as there is an empty stall to which gifts may be transferred for its use, why not begin with this? Its price is £5, and if forty friends of the Club will each give 2s. 6d. the

rug will be its permanent possession. Christmas cards and calendars are also to be found in this section.

In a small room half-way down the stairs are to be found "travellers' comforts"—amongst them rugs light and warm from Japan—tidies for washing requisites, and many other useful things.

In a room just to the left of the front door is a delightful collection of requisites, and luxuries, for babies; we noticed some charming American cloth table-cloths, gaily painted, which would not only delight the tiny tots, but keep tables or table-cloths clean and tidy.

Another room is devoted to sweets, cakes, and jams; and for flower-lovers there are bowls of bulbs, just in the fascinating stage when their pretty spikes are pushing through the brown earth.

All that is needed to make the bazaar a complete success is hosts of buyers. Do not forget that Friday, November 30th, is bargain day.

Princess Mary has asked to be informed of the result of the bazaar.

In spite of the dense fog which enveloped the Metropolis, an interested audience assembled at the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., to hear the address given by Miss Muriel A. Payne, Hon. Secretary of the International School of Nursing and Child Welfare in Russia, on "Sanitary Relief Work in Russia," at which the chair was taken by Dr. Louis C. Parkes. Those who read her interesting book, "Plague, Pestilence and Famine," will remember that in February of last year she went to Russia, under the auspices of the Society of Friends, to help in the work of famine relief. She told her audience that during the months December, 1921, to June, 1922, the Russian tragedy reached its height, and famine, typhus, and relapsing fever were rampant. Her work lay in a district about the size of Belgium divided into six areas, where an English person was in charge of each. Originally there had been forty workers, but typhus and other diseases had depleted the staff.

Miss Payne stated that last July fifteen million people in Russia were suffering from malaria. It upset everything, and disorganised the transport, as the engine-drivers were amongst the sufferers.

Describing some of the difficulties with which she had to contend, Miss Payne said that the people did not object to inoculation for typhus, but very much objected to their forefingers being pricked to obtain a drop of blood for the

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