

NURSING ECHOES.

It was fitting that the Memorial Tablet presented by the Imperial War Graves Commission to Westminster Abbey in memory of the one million of our dear people, who gave their lives in the Great War—which number we are proud to remember includes many British Nurses from the Homeland and from the great Dominions Overseas—should have been unveiled by the Prince of Wales, President of the Commission, on October 20th before the opening of the Great Imperial Conference.

From our illustration it will be realised that the Tablet is finely executed. At the top are the Arms of the United Kingdom, surrounded by those of the Dominions. The border is of laurels, with gilt bands, with crimson roses at the angles, and in the centre below the inscription, the lettering of which is in gold and blue.

The Prince was escorted up the nave by the Dean of Westminster, the Imperial Statesmen following, a pathetic reminder of the cruelty and havoc of war was seen in the chairs in the front row of the nave, occupied by men blinded in the War.

His Royal Highness unveiled the Table in the following words:—

I unveil this Tablet in honour of our comrades, from every land under the Crown, who fell in the Great War. Time cannot dim our remembrance of them, nor lessen our gratitude to our Allies, who have given us the land in which many of them lie buried, so that we can care for their graves for ever.

The Prince placed beneath the Tablet a wreath of palm leaves and roses, and it was then dedicated by the Dean, who also announced that the Memorial will be placed in the Chapel of the Holy Cross close beside the Unknown Warrior's resting place—a Chapel which is devoted to the memory of those who fell in the War.

Those who have been privileged to visit the British

Cemeteries in Northern France know the perfection of the care bestowed upon the last resting places there of our Sacred Dead. These sunlight spaces are places of beauty "which are for ever England." But who can estimate the toll of anguish resulting from the sacrifice of those million dead?

H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught has consented to open the bazaar to be held on November 30th in aid of the Extension Fund of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital.

To members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, this gracious act on the part of their President will give unqualified gratification, remembering as they do, the wonderful kindness and devoted attention which a member of the Corporation, the late Miss Maude MacCallum, received in the Hospital throughout a long and agonising illness.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses held at 58, Victoria Street, S.W., at which Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Warren Crooke Lawless presided, a letter was received from the Private Secretary to the Queen telling the Council of the great pleasure it gave her Majesty to visit the offices, and forwarding a portrait of her Majesty for the Council Room at the Institute.

Sir Harold Boulton reported that the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra was receiving widespread support throughout the Empire. The resignation of Miss Michie from the post of Superintendent of the Irish branch had been received with deep regret,

and tribute was paid to the work which she had done both as Superintendent in Ireland and other posts in England. The names of 100 Nurses have been placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses to date July 1st, 1926, and the qualifications of 21 nurses have been considered and their engagement for district training approved, with a view to subsequent enrolment as



THE MEMORIAL TABLET IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

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