

NURSING ECHOES.

It is a sign of the times that baby girls are just as welcome as baby boys, and even in the Royal Family we find it so. When the birth of a second daughter to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York was announced the little Princess had a right royal welcome.

Born in Scotland, with the blood of Scottish Kings in her veins, the little lady was given the dignified name of Margaret, surely after the lovely and sainted Queen, wife of Malcolm Canmore, but the addition of that sweet old-fashioned name of Rose was very welcome South of the Border, and from her portrait a Royal Rosebud she appears.

The Duchess of York is now again in our midst, and is gradually assuming her social duties with her usual grace.

As for the sprightly Princess Elizabeth—with her golden curls and upstanding personality—no rival will ever displace her in the affection of the people.

Again a generous anonymous donor has given £100,000 for the benefit of trained nurses. This time the benefaction is of a charitable nature, to be called "The 1930 Fund for Trained District Nurses," and is to be used for pensions and monetary grants.

A committee to administer the fund has been formed, consisting of Sir Campbell Rhodes (chairman); Sir William Foot Mitchell (treasurer); Dame Maud McCarthy; Miss Musson; Miss Finch; Miss Darbyshire; Miss Cox-Davies; Miss Cockrell; Sir William Sheppard; and Mr. Arnold Herbert, K.C. The names of the nurse members are well known to us all.

Sir Campbell Rhodes was formerly Governor of Sumbhanath Pundit Hospital, in India, and the La Martiniere Schools, Calcutta. He is the son of a medical man, and has been a member of the Council of India for the past five years. Sir William Foot Mitchell is Lord of the Manor of Quendon, Essex. He represented Dartford as a Conservative in 1910, and Saffron Walden from 1922 to 1929.

Conditions for district nurses, a body of women worthy of all praise, have greatly improved of late years, but in the past they worked for emoluments from which they could save but little for old age; so that secured pensions for those in need will meet a real need, and will, let us hope, be on such a scale as to enable many, after working days are over, to enjoy real happiness and comfort.

The Executive Committee of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing met at 58, Victoria Street, on December 3rd. Sir Warren Crooke-Lawless presided.

It was reported that in the trust embodying the gift of £100,000 for district nurses, the nurses on the roll of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing were specially named as being eligible to participate. The fund would be administered by a committee specially selected by the donor, and would be quite apart from any funds which were administered by the Institute itself. A letter was received from Sir Harry Verney expressing the pleasure of the Queen, as Patron of the Institute, that the Queen's Nurses would benefit from the gift.

Owing to the splendid result of the Gardens Scheme during 1930 it was hoped that the Institute would close the year without a deficit. The names of 109 nurses had been placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, and seven nursing associations had been affiliated. The supply of candidates for training as Queen's Nurses had improved,

but there was still need of a larger number of nurses and of more money to pay for their training. Three Queen's Nurses had received scholarships to enable them to obtain the health visitor's certificate, and further scholarships would be awarded next year. Miss Wills had resigned her post as inspector in Lancashire and Cheshire, and the committee expressed their appreciation of her



A ROYAL ROSEBUD.

service. Long-service badges were awarded to twenty-six "Queen's" superintendents or nurses who had completed twenty-one years' service under the Institute.

A Jubilee Fund was being raised to commemorate fifty years' working of the Midwives' Institute, and the committee hoped that it would meet with a generous response from the public.

A very pleasant At Home was given by the Matron-in-Chief (Miss Medforth) and the Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service on Wednesday, November 12th, in King Edward VII Rooms at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue. These gatherings afford an opportunity for members of the Service, who may otherwise meet but seldom, to see old friends, and we can testify to the kindness and hospitality which they showed to their guests. It was the first of these occasions when Miss Medforth had met the members of the Service as their Matron-in-Chief, so it was a very special one.

The ninth shareholders' meeting of the United Nursing Services Club, Ltd., held at 34, Cavendish

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