

NURSING ECHOES.

The charming picture of Her Majesty the Queen with her little grand-daughter the Princess Elizabeth of York in her dress as bridesmaid at the wedding of Lady May Cambridge and Mr. H. Abel Smith will, we feel sure, give great pleasure, not only in Great Britain but throughout our Dominions, and in some instances will be preserved and treasured for many years to come. It gives us therefore special satisfaction to present it in this journal, which carries with it our good wishes for the New Year to all our readers.

It is announced that the Queen's Institute of District Nursing requires an increased income to carry on its fine work. At a recent meeting of the Committee it was announced that the Queen has appointed Dr. G. de Bec. Turtle as a member of the Council to represent the Royal Society of Medicine.

The reports of the various sub-committees showed an excellent record. During the last two months 10 nursing associations had been affiliated to the Institute and the names of 134 nurses had been placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses. The committee considered reports from the inspectors of the Institute on 457 associations in England and Wales employing 905 nurses, and in practically every case the standard was very good indeed.

It was stated that negotiations were still in progress with the hospital contributory schemes, in the hope of securing co-operation between the hospital leagues and the nursing associations; that the Prudential Approved Society was now providing nursing benefit for members of the women's and domestic servants' societies in Wales; and that the National Amalgamated Society had extended its scheme of additional benefits to provide nursing for its Welsh members. Previous to July, 1931, the nursing benefit schemes did not operate fully in the Principality.

The Committee of County Nursing Associations

recently met at the offices of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, 58, Victoria Street. The Duchess of Richmond and Gordon presided, and a very representative number of members were present.

In view of the national emergency it had not been considered desirable to press for special facilities for telephones for nurse-midwives in rural areas, but it was hoped that in the near future further consideration might be given to this urgent need.

The question of hospital contributory schemes was also discussed, and great stress was laid on the importance of hospitals and district nursing associations working together. Sympathetic consideration was given to a suggestion that where it was not possible for the nurses to have one day's leave each month, arrangements should be made for the nurse to have three consecutive days' leave every three months.

The Committee of the National Gardens Scheme of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing report that this year, notwithstanding almost continuous rain, gales, and grey skies, £10,173 17s. 1d. was raised for district nursing, nearly £60 more than in 1930. A great debt was due to the King for allowing the Sandringham Gardens to be open again this year and for the valuable contribution which this brought to the funds. The Committee express their gratitude to the owners, who allowed the public to share the joys of their

beautiful gardens; to the county organisers, who devoted much care and time to the arrangements in the counties; to the Press, and especially to the Editor of *The Times*, for the valuable information published week by week; and to the gardeners who had taken much interest and had so often given freely of their off-duty time to help the scheme.

There were 1,087 gardens shown and a number of houses of historical interest, and as many of them were open on more than one occasion there were no fewer than 1,628 openings. It is estimated that approximately



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