

NURSING ECHOES.

Owing to there being no Police Station at Roehampton, Putney being the nearest station, a nurse acts as a traffic controller for the children of the Hambro Home for Waifs and Strays at Roehampton. The picture shows the Nurse carrying out her traffic controlling duty, with remarkable efficiency, whilst the children cross the road. In all large towns owing to the terribly dangerous motor traffic the regular police are now told off to see the children flow over the road in safety on leaving school, very necessary protection indeed.

The annual meeting of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing was held on June 1st at 18, Carlton House Terrace (by permission of Lady Violet Astor), the Earl of Athlone, who presided, read the following message from the Queen: "Will you please convey to all present at the annual general meeting of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing my deep apprecia-

Queen's nurses have attended 3,307 cases of measles, 639 of which were complicated with pneumonia. The deathrate for this disease was 8.3 per cent. in London, 10.8 per cent. in urban areas, and 7.9 per cent. in rural areas, and the proportion of convalescents at home was 79.6 per cent. Four hundred and sixty-five cases of puerperal fever and puerperal pyrexia have also been nursed, resulting in convalescence at home of 74.3 per cent., while 23.6 per cent. were sent to hospital and 1.5 per cent. died. The nurses have also attended 776 cases of ophthalmia neonatorum, 349 of chicken-pox, 695 of whooping cough, 446 of infantile diarrhoea, 145 of pemphigus neonatorum; and 12,925 children under five have been nursed. The number of visits paid to all these patients was 43,014.

Sir Hilton Young, Minister of Health, pointed out that virtually all the rural midwifery was now done by the district nurses of the Institute. It was very largely to her valuable service in this work that the dis-



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tion of the good and useful work so ably carried on by all who labour in this cause, and say that I follow with my warm sympathy all that concerns the welfare and happiness of the Institute."

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, presented long-service badges to a number of superintendents and nurses, and a vote of thanks to her was proposed by Lord Aberdare.

A report was submitted showing the work that has been done by Queen's nurses in England and Wales on behalf of public health authorities.

It used to be thought that acute illness could not be successfully nursed at home, and that without the facilities provided in hospitals for the use of the nursing staff the patients must necessarily suffer. But statistics compiled by the Queen's Institute of the nursing of various notifiable diseases show the result of home nursing to be exceptionally good. In 1932, 13,470 cases of pneumonia were nursed. Of these patients 68 per cent. became convalescent.

tract nurse owed her special position of influence and popularity. The results were excellent, and compared very favourably with those of the country as a whole. The efficiency of the service depended to a large extent, especially in the isolated rural areas, on the steps that could be taken to reduce fatigue and render easier communication with doctors and other nurses in times of emergency. Here was an opportunity for enlightened benevolence to provide motor-cars and telephones for district nurses. With regard to domiciliary nurses, it was difficult to realise the comfort and ease brought into countless families where there was sickness or to appreciate the immense value of the nurses to the medical profession. The work of the Institute and association had to be ranked among the most essential health services.

At a meeting of the Committee of County Nursing Associations held at 58, Victoria Street, S.W., at which the Chairman, the Duchess of Richmond and Gordon,

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