

NURSING ECHOES.

On April 21st, Her Royal Highness, the Princess Elizabeth of York, elder daughter of His Majesty the King, celebrated her twelfth birthday at Windsor Castle. To judge from reports, it was a very happy day. In blooming health and full of spirit, after inspecting her presents and watching the Changing of the Guard in the Grand Quadrangle, she and Princess Margaret went riding in the Park with the King. In the afternoon, she entertained the King and Queen and a few friends to tea. Already the hospital world is enlisting her patronage, and amongst her birthday greetings came

Club in Dover Street, Piccadilly, where her test for the certificate was completed.

The Princesses are happy indeed in the healthy environment in which they are being brought up.

We do hope the nursing profession will study the following figures and take to heart what they mean in pain and grief—and do all in their power to decrease them. The apathy and futility of many of those responsible needs a very determined effort upon the part of those persons who are shocked at this holocaust of violent deaths and mutilation.

During the first three months of this year, 47,166 persons were killed or injured in road accidents in Great Britain, an increase of 2,905 compared with the same quarter of 1937.

The number of deaths was 1,499, an increase of 53; the total number of injured, 45,667, was higher by 2,852.

These figures are given in the official return of the Ministry of Transport, which has just been issued.

During the quarter, 813 pedestrians were killed, of whom 641 were fatally injured on roads subject to a speed limit.

The number of pedestrians injured was 17,666, and in 15,892 cases the accidents were on speed limit roads. Walkers seriously hurt numbered 4,123.

Cottage and small hospitals all over England are being compelled to decrease their good work, and a number will have to be closed—they can neither obtain probationers, nurses, nor domestics. The health of several matrons we know has entirely given way, and they are themselves being warded instead of caring for others.

Devoting her life to lepers and sufferers from tuberculosis, Miss Constance Fairhall, a young English woman trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is in exile on a small island near Port Moresby, Papua.

The island is only about 10 acres in extent. It contains three hospitals, two for tubercular patients and one for lepers.

There Miss Fairhall lives an isolated existence, visited only by the launch of the London Missionary Society, which calls once a week with supplies.

She went to Papua about seven years ago.



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A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

His Majesty the King with Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose riding at Windsor.

loyal and respectful congratulations from the people of Windsor and from the Hospital for Children, Shadwell—the Children's League of which hospital Princess Elizabeth has become president.

Princess Elizabeth has been awarded the Certificate of the Royal Life-Saving Society for "passing the elementary tests of the society in swimming, object diving, life-saving, and resuscitation of the apparently drowned."

Every week Princess Elizabeth and her sister Princess Margaret practise at the women's section of the Bath

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