

NURSING ECHOES.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness
Till all our strivings cease ;
Take from our lives the strain and stress
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

The death of that great lady the Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne, the mother of our Queen, aroused deep sympathy throughout the Kingdom, for her husband and children—so deeply attached were they one to the other. Now she rests serenely in the lovely private burial place at Glamis Castle, surrounded by flowers. She suffered much and is now at peace.

The Queen recently visited the Mothercraft Training Society at Cromwell House, Highgate. Her Majesty

visited the first centre, founded in 1918 by Sir Truby King at Earl's Court, and she admired the present new building, which contains a babies' dietetic hospital, a training school for Nurses, and a clinic for mothers, where advice is given on all subjects pertaining to mothercraft.

A garden party was held to greet the Queen. A guard of honour was mounted by students in their blue uniforms. Mothers and babies formed

a lane for the Queen to pass through to the summer-house, where a number of presentations was made of women who had organised the day's amusements.

Her Majesty then visited the new wing and the Karitane observation nurseries, where every baby admitted has a separate glass cubicle, so that it is for a time under constant observation, thus eliminating any danger of infection. She saw the "King" nursery at Cromwell House, and spent some time with Miss M. Liddiard, the Nursing Director, who has been associated with the organisation since its inception, examining a map of the world marked to show where 900 nurses who have obtained certificates have gone.

Then a visit was paid to the Princess Elizabeth of York Hostel, where part of the accommodation is used for half a dozen mothers and babies who are resident, as they need special care. The Queen spoke to and shook hands with each of the mothers. The hostel is a pleasant place with balconies looking on to extensive gardens.

A mulberry tree, which her Majesty planted seven years ago, was dressed by nurses and students as a "fairy tree" laden with gifts. From this the Queen accepted for the Princesses two dolls dressed as mothercraft babies by the nurses.

Before leaving her Majesty expressed her appreciation of the work and its results as seen in the happy children playing in the grounds, which naturally gratified Miss Liddiard and the nursing staff, whose pleasure it is to make Cromwell House and all its departments a model of mothercraft.

An hour with the "Exchanges" is often illuminating; would that we had more time to study the professional Press, now finding its way into the editorial office from all over the world.

The May *Una*, the journal of the Royal Victorian

College of Nursing, presents many items of interest. A correspondent expresses the complaints of many nurses in Victoria in the following quotation:

"In the course of my work in a large public hospital I frequently hear nurses discuss the College of Nursing and the Wages Board. The general opinion is that, in spite of all the College has done in the past, it has been a laggard in not insisting on a

48-hour week in all hospitals throughout Victoria.

"The Council of the College of Nursing is composed almost entirely of matrons and those in authority, and as they are answerable to their committees of management the nurses feel that they have, of necessity, to put the telescope to the blind eye!

"Because of this tardiness a great many nurses have welcomed the intervention of the Trades Hall. No nurse wishes unionism to guide her profession, but the long hours worked by so many trained nurses and those in training has made them feel rather bitter to the College of Nursing."

Under "Congratulations" *Una* reports "The Secretary of the Australian Nursing Federation (Miss E. P. Evans) writing to the secretary of the Royal Victorian College of Nursing says: 'You will be interested to know that congratulations on the affiliation of the Australian Nursing Federation with the Inter-



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THE QUEEN AND MOTHERCRAFT.

Nurses presenting to Her Majesty two dolls for Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

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