

NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 183 Queen's Nurses to date from July 1st, 1938. These nurses work in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

The National Society of Day Nurseries, in promoting Nursery Shelters for children under five years of age in the London parks, aims at providing rest for "little mothers" who are in charge of children younger than themselves—and we sincerely hope that "little fathers" may also enjoy the privilege—as we constantly see, in open spaces, little boys taking the best of care of toddlers.

The Duchess of Kent recently visited the Battersea Park nursery shelter, which, with others, remains open during the holidays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Battersea, Lady Crosfield, chairman of the Council of Day Nurseries, and Mrs. Percival, the founder and hon. organiser of the park shelters. The Duchess was much interested in the scheme. Mrs. Baker, the matron, who has been in charge since its inception, told her the idea was to give a rest to "little mothers" who are in charge of children younger than themselves.

Officially it is to allow mothers who have to go out to work to leave their youngsters up to 5 or 6 in safe keeping. They pay a halfpenny an hour for qualified Kindergarten supervision and play education, and the children have milk and biscuits.

For the last three summers children under five years of age have been received and cared for at the shelter, and the L.C.C. have again shown their approval of this pioneer effort of the Society by lending the shelter site for another year. Sometimes as many as a hundred children visit the shelter in a day.

Mr. E. G. Culpin said the object of the National Society of Day Nurseries was to provide 50 shelters in London.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, inspected about 300 members of the Women's Transport Service (First-Aid Nursing Yeomanry) at their camp at Mytchett, near Aldershot, on July 25th. The Princess, who is President of this organisation, was accompanied by the Earl of Athlone, and among others present were Major-General Sir Evan Gibb (Hon. Colonel), Lord Hailsham, Lieut.-General Sir John Dill, and Lieut.-General Sir Maurice Taylor.

Princess Alice, who was received with a Royal Salute, inspected the parade and took the salute when members of the corps marched past in slow and in quick time. An advance in review order was followed by a series of

displays showing the varied nature of the work of the service, which was organised as a mounted service in the Great War, and appealed to horsewomen.

Princess Alice also inspected the lines, and after tea she addressed the members of the service. She thanked General Sir John Dill, Major-General Broad, and the staff of the Aldershot Command for their help and encouragement, and congratulated the members of the service on their turn-out, march past, and demonstrations. Since last year, she said, the number of members in camp had doubled.



The Duchess of Kent watching children having a meal at the Battersea Park Shelter, July 21st, 1938.

The unrest in the nursing world is serious, resulting from many conditions, economic and otherwise.

Far too long those in control of nurses have failed to study the evolution of the rising generation and have thus missed an opportunity of instruction and guidance.

As the editor of this JOURNAL we have had our fingers on the pulse of evolutionary nursing politics for close on half a century, and regret that so many persons in touch with nursing education have failed to encourage young nurses to study professional evolution and acquire responsibility through its pages. We have never forgotten an eminent Scottish matron informing us "When I have read the 'B.J.N.', if I find nothing objectionable in it, I hand it on to the staff, not otherwise!"

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