

NURSING ECHOES.

The new portrait of Princess Margaret Rose, taken at Balmoral to commemorate her ninth birthday, presents a charming child, evidently possessed of bright intelligence. The little Princess was hostess at a tea party when she entertained friends and daughters of the officials of the Royal Household and others.

Nine candles surmounted a pink and white iced cake, which she cut herself.

The King and Queen and Princess Elizabeth were present and numerous lovely presents were given to her, which she opened with delight. Happiness spells health.

Queen Mary, who has been residing at Sandringham for some weeks, paid a visit to Papworth Village Settlement to inspect the new home for tubercular nurses.

The house has been given by Sir E. Meyerstein and will accommodate 40 nurses.

Owing to the strain of working and studying at the same time many young probationers break down before they take their final examinations, and some of them become tubercular. Such nurses may never be fit for general work, but they can be made fit for duty at a colony such as Papworth with only a 36-hour week.

Miss A. Livingstone Charteris has recently retired from the matronship of the Bedford County Hospital after 32 years' invaluable service.

The career of no member of the nursing profession exceeds in professional value her work—a splendid example of untiring devotion to duty—and her friends of which she has legion will unite in wishing for her many years of happy private life. We have realised many telepathic touches in our long life, and well do we remember a momentous episode in the year 1908.

We had spent long weary hours interviewing noble lords in the lobby of "their Lordships' House," attempting

to interest quite a number in the urgent need of introducing a Bill for the State Registration of Nurses and alas! to our bitter disappointment, failing to secure an advocate. We were engaged as ever on propaganda in this connection as Editor of this journal when the last post arrived—just a letter from Miss Livingstone Charteris informing us that she had in an interview with her Chairman, the late Lord Ampthill, secured his

promise to consider the introduction of a Nurses' Registration Bill into the House of Lords, should he, after enquiry, be convinced of its public usefulness, and asking us to arrange an interview with Lord Ampthill.

This interview was with alacrity arranged, attended by Isla Stewart, Margaret Breay and self, when we placed the nurses' cause before an intelligent and sympathetic man, a great gentleman, whose public service was ever influenced by purely altruistic action. History has recorded (in the B.J.N. of course) how brilliantly Lord Ampthill introduced the Nurses' Registration Bill into the House of Lords and carried it without a division at any stage! A valuable feat primarily promoted by Miss Livingstone Charteris.

Yet another film is to be made on the life of Nurse Edith Cavell. We believe Anna Neagle is making this film at Hollywood. Of course the tragic end to her life gives an irresistible impetus to such a film.

A number of interesting subjects were discussed at the recent Conference of the Mental Hospital and Institutional Workers Union at

Blackpool. A resolution was moved, which was carried, deploring that women were still employed in male wards in mental hospitals and mental deficiency institutions, in spite of the great shortage of female nurses in female wards.

The conference gave support to a resolution asking that mental patients suffering from tuberculosis should



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE ON HER NINTH BIRTHDAY.

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