

NURSING ECHOES.

Throughout the war Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester has earned sincere appreciation throughout the Kingdom for her untiring devotion to duty. Day after day she has visited war hospitals and institutions and encouraged workers in every direction. Quite recently she became the happy mother of a second son, who has received the names of Richard Alexander Walter George. This little Prince is fifth in the direct line of succession to the Throne, so let us hope the Sovereignty of the British Crown is safe for many a decade—wars or no wars.

We always read *Nurses Near and Far* the newsletter of the Nurses' Christian Movement, with appreciation, and we note in the October issue the good news that far-reaching plans are afoot for the development of the Christian Medical College at Vellore in India, which already has a history of great usefulness since it was founded in 1918 by Dr. Ida Scudder, and some 300 women doctors have graduated from it, and medical standards have been raised. Certain special lines of development are being planned. Alongside of these plans for the training of doctors are others for the development of the School of Nursing, which has already attained a high standard, under the leadership of Miss Vera Pitman, Nursing Superintendent (a member of the N.C.M.). Not only have excellent results been achieved, but much has been done to improve the status of the nursing profession in India. A post-graduate School has now been opened, and it may probably be the first School in India to train students for a University degree or diploma course in Nursing. The graduates of this School will be eligible for the highest posts in the nursing profession. If this advance is to be maintained, increased accommodation will be needed for hostel, class rooms and laboratories—most of all it will be necessary for the teaching staff to be strengthened with recruits of the highest standard of nursing qualifications.

We need hardly add that alongside of all these professional developments the evangelistic work is never

overlooked, for the College is definitely a *Christian* College. It is particularly valuable in that it is a *united* effort, in which American, Canadian and British Missionary Societies take their share.

OUR DAY OF PRAYER AND GIFTS.

This will be held again, states *Nurses Near and Far*, on St. Andrew's Day (November 30th). In these days we need hardly stress the call to thanksgiving and to prayer both in view of national events and with regard to our own work. We hope that many of our branches will be able to arrange for special meetings, and that the

Day will be one of rich spiritual blessing to members throughout the world.

As to "gifts," we believe that the many openings of recent months will be increased as war conditions diminish, and we look forward to increasing our staff. So we would again ask for generous help to meet the growing need.

We are glad to note in the *South African Nursing Journal*, the official organ of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, that the work of the late Dr. John Tremble, Founder of the Association, who gave devoted service to its organisation, is to be commemorated, and the nurses of South Africa have thus the opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the profession of Nursing. We have before us an eloquent tribute, published in the *East London Dispatch*, and republished in the *South African Nursing Journal*, to Dr. Tremble's work, which we hope to publish at an early date.

At the recent meeting of the Central Governing Board of the Association, Miss McLarley, the new General President, said she was somewhat overcome by

the great honour of having been elected to follow a long succession of distinguished women, especially mentioning Miss Alexander, whose inspiring work is known throughout the nursing world. Her long years of devoted service in promoting the uplift of nursing in South Africa is sincerely appreciated by her colleagues in Great Britain.

Those M.P.s—they are of all Parties—who fear that wartime "controls" and regulations will be retained for a long time after the war, are planning to ask Parlia-



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