

NURSING ECHOES.

We had hoped to present a portrait of Princess Elizabeth in this issue, as she attains her majority on the 18th of this month, but, alas! the official photograph is not to be released until the 19th, so we must postpone its issue until next month. We feel sure, however, that the registered members of the nursing profession will wish to offer, through this professional nursing journal, a very warm expression of good wishes for her health and happiness, which has naturally been sadly clouded by the exigencies of war. Her Royal Highness is now of an age to share with her Father and Mother the strain and anxiety which is inevitable so long as our beloved country is at war, and our splendid men—the finest soldiers in the world—are offering their

Matron for consideration by the Committee. This would appear a very just and desirable step, and we hope the Nursing Staff will appreciate the privilege of a certain degree of self-determination. Any encouragement which will teach young women to think and take action for the general good of the community will be invaluable, now that we are to have an organised Health Service. Had a system of conscientious conviction in relation to safe and efficient standards of nursing been encouraged in Nursing Schools, the disgrace of de-grading could not have been enforced by ignorant employers and their political supporters.

The Society of Registered Male Nurses is very active in promoting the interests of its members, and has communicated with the Ministry of Health on various



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH VISITS SOUTH WALES WITH THE KING AND QUEEN AND INSPECTS CIVIL DEFENCE.

precious lives for the salvation of all that is worth living for in this world.

In the meantime it is interesting to learn that Princess Elizabeth has made her first civic tour, having accompanied the King and Queen for two days in a visit in South Wales to the mining valleys, war factories, docks and civic centres, where she, of course, was enthusiastically acclaimed by the people of Wales who made her progress one of triumph from the moment she arrived at Swansea.

We note that the Committee of a hospital has adopted the wise regulation of appointing a Committee of Members of the Nursing Staff—all grades, Probationers, Staffs, and Sisters to be represented on it. This committee is to consider matters concerning their status and work, their conclusions to be forwarded through the

points. They wish for representation on the Rushcliffe Committee; they also consider that if nurses are appointed to look after the miners in the pits, such nurses should be men. Mr. F. Messer, M.P., and Miss H. P. Butler, Matron of Hackney Hospital, have both accepted invitations to attend the general meetings of the Society when possible. The Registered Male Nurses are anxious for promotion as teachers and in other educational positions.

Those of us who have read the Life of the late Dr. Garrett Anderson will remember that she disdained the work of nursing owing to its poor remuneration, and chose to be a medical woman where her work would receive adequate financial reward. It is interesting in this connection to note that her daughter, Dr. Louisa Garrett Anderson, recently deceased, left by will £113,540!

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