

NURSING ECHOES.

We here present a picture of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, robed in green, in which she was invested as an Ovate of the Gorsedd of Bards of Wales, at Cynon Valley, near Mountain Ash, on August 6th, under the title of "Elisabeth o Windsor."

The ceremony took place round the Logan stone under the trees in the Welsh hills, mounted by the Gorsedd trumpeter, who sounded his call to the four quarters.

The ceremony ended, Princess Elizabeth drove through Mountain Ash and officially declared the Eisteddfod open.

It is with a sense of deep satisfaction that we quote the following information from *The Times*.

The National Trust announced on August 8, that a group of friends of Mr. Churchill have purchased from him the house and estate of Chartwell, Westerham, Kent, which has been the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Churchill for the past 24 years. Mr. Churchill and his family will continue to live there during his lifetime, after which it will be handed over to the National Trust as a permanent memorial to the part which Mr. Churchill played in the history of Britain.

The gift will also include an endowment fund for the maintenance of the property.

Mr. Churchill has promised to leave in the house a number of articles of national interest, and it is hoped that these will be supplemented by other gifts of a suitable character.

Chartwell is an old manor house on the slopes of Westerham, adjoining Crockham Hill Common and other open land. It was here that in 1928 Mr. Churchill, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, indulged his hobby of brick-laying.

The estate comprises about 80 acres and the house has five reception rooms, 19 bed and dressing rooms, eight bathrooms, and stabling, garages, and cottages in the grounds. In addition, Mr. Churchill built a large studio for painting and a swimming pool with flood-lighting.

Early this year a country mansion, Kippington Court, near Sevenoaks, which was given to Mr. and Mrs. Churchill by a London hotel proprietor and estate dealer, was presented by them to the British Legion to be used as a rehabilitation centre and convalescent home for ex-Service men.

Westerham was the birthplace of General Wolfe.

We were gratified to read in *The Evening News* that a gift of £560 from the women of New Zealand to Mr. Winston Churchill has been handed over to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, because, in Mr. Churchill's words, "St. Mary's helped everybody including me, in the war."

These are the ways in which St. Mary's helped Mr. Churchill:

Lord Moran, physician and dean of the hospital, was Mr. Churchill's doctor;

Medical and nursing staff from St. Mary's nursed him during his illnesses;

Penicillin, with which Mr. Churchill was treated, was discovered at St. Mary's.

The money was subscribed in shillings by 11,200 women in New Zealand, members of the Federation of Women's Clubs as an expression of their appreciation of Mr. Churchill's work during the war.

We learn that the Council of the British Dental Association, at a meeting in London recently, unanimously rejected the proposals relating to dentistry in the National Health Services Bill.

We understand that New Zealand is inviting 200 British girls to train in Mental Hospitals there.

It was with profound interest we read in the *New Zealand Nursing Journal* the winning essay on "Mrs. Grace Neill. Her Life and Work and her Contribution to Nursing in New Zealand," by Helen Campbell, Christchurch Public Hospital.

Grace Neill was one of the most earnest founders of the International Council of Nurses, and was present at the founding of the Council in 1899; from that day forward taking a most earnest interest in its welfare. She was a wonderful woman to whom we owe great gratitude for past services.

Miss M. O. C. Bonthron, of the Accident Hospital, Bath Row, Birmingham, has been appointed to the Colonial Service as Matron-in-Chief to the Public Health Department, Palestine.

Born in Dunfermline, Fifeshire, she received her training at the City Hospital, Edinburgh, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, Woolwich.

Miss Bonthron has held appointments as Matron of



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