

staff, 32 in all, had places on the balconies of the wards, and nurses, patients, and friends viewed the Procession from the ward windows and other places of vantage.

We regret to learn that Miss Heather-Bigg fell on one of the stands and sprained her ankle, and will in consequence be prevented from attending the Matrons' Council meeting at Winchester on the 5th.

The French pupils at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from the Nursing School of the Assistance Publique had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Progress from seats kindly provided for them by Miss Cutler at the Royal Eye Hospital, St. George's Circus, and on Monday last saw the illuminations at the Coronation Exhibition. The little pasteboards at the Salpêtrière Hospital, denoting the residence of pupils of the Assistance Publique in England, are likely to be especially popular just now.

On Friday, June 30th, when the King will entertain 100,000 school children at the Crystal Palace, with 6,000 teachers, nearly 100 trains will each convey 1,000 children to the Palace, and a nurse will accompany each train. Miss H. L. Pearse, Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council, has been actively assisting with the arrangements.

There appears to have been no great demand upon the hospitals in connection with accidents and casualties during the Coronation celebrations. Some serious accidents occurred on Wednesday, June 21st, but Thursday and Friday, when the traffic was stopped, and the danger of motor accidents non-existent, passed very quietly. One large hospital reports few casualties beyond some cases of faintness, caused by crushing in the crowds, for which a little rest and a few ether draughts did all that was necessary.

The arrangements made by the St. John Ambulance Association were very complete, and at 54 points on the route on Coronation Day 1,756 men trained in first aid were on duty, and a larger number on the following day. At each station also four to six Nursing Sisters were on duty, which appeared ample for the need; indeed, at one station off St. James' Street, which may be taken as typical, as it was in one of the most central positions, a spectator was heard to remark as a patient was carried in, that there seemed "a large number of nurses to one faint."

The members of the Association not only give their services gratuitously but provide their own uniforms. There are branches in all parts of the British Dominions, and some of the members of the overseas contingents joined their colleagues of the United Kingdom last week. The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, who had special opportunities of seeing the work done by the Association, has notified through the press that he "desires to be one of the first to acknowledge the invaluable help received from this splendid organisation during the Coronation period. His experience is that the St. John Ambulance Association welcome any opportunity of placing their services and resources at the disposal of the public."

For the first time since the end of February Westminster Abbey was thrown open to the public on Monday. Nearly 1,500 people paid ten shillings each for admission, but nurses in uniform shared with soldiers the privilege of free admission.

From accounts of Coronation festivities which we have received from various parts of the country, it is evident that the day of the crowning of the King has been observed right loyally in hospitals throughout the Kingdom.

International Council of Nurses.

We are glad to learn that the Matrons and Nurses' Associations are inviting into affiliation all representative societies in India, to form a National Federation or Council of Nurses, in order to qualify for affiliation with the International Council of Nurses at Cologne in 1912. It is proposed to hold this International Triennial Meeting in Germany about the second week of August, 1912.

A Matron of a hospital in Basutoland has already applied for six months' leave from June, 1912, to enable her to be present at the International Meeting. We hope the Government will encourage this enthusiastic lady by making it possible for her to attend.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 431, Oxford Street, on July 22nd, at 3 p.m., to be followed by a Meeting of the Grand Council at 4 p.m. The Agenda will be sent out by Miss Cutler, Hon. Secretary, at an early date.

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