

## Territorial Force Nursing Service

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the London Committee, Territorial Force Nursing Service was held at the Mansion House on Friday, the 30th ult. The Lady Mayoress of London presided.

The names of Lady Beachcroft, Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., and Mrs. Codrington were added to the Committee.

The appointment of the four Organising Matrons was confirmed, as follows:—Miss Isla Stewart to No 1 Hospital, Miss Davies to No. 2, Miss Barton to No. 3, and Miss Ray to No. 4.

The nursing staffs of Hospitals 1 and 2 were reported as complete, the staffs of Hospitals 3 and 4 as nearly so; a sufficiency of applications had been received, and would be investigated. The names of those before the Committee were enrolled. Miss Marcon, Sister-in-Charge of the Private Nursing Staff at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was elected Matron of No. 1 Hospital, with Miss Polden, Lady Superintendent of the Royal United, Bath, as a substitute; and Miss E. A. K. Watson, Assistant Matron of St. George's Hospital, W., was elected Matron of No. 2 Hospital, with Miss Marian Scott-Riddell, Assistant Matron at University College Hospital, as substitute.

Three of the four commanding officers of the general hospitals, namely, Colonel Clement Godson, Colonel Adams, and Colonel Thorne, were added to the Executive Committee. The appointment of the fourth remains to be made.

The proposal to invite Lady Wynne and Mrs. Kinloch to become members of the Committee, was carried.

May 27th was arranged for the next meeting of the Committee.

Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., contributes to this month's *National Defence* an article on "The Care of the Sick and Wounded in the Territorial Force," which should be read by all nurses who are members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service. It describes most clearly the general organisation of the Territorial Force, the functions of the Medical Service in the Field, and the Field Medical Organisation, this being divided into three distinct zones: (1) The Collecting Zone, (2) The Evacuating Zone, (3) The Distributing Zone. A diagram which is appended shows clearly the general line of links between the front line of a Division and its general hospital. These details of general organisation should be understood by nurses.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King will open the new Manchester Royal Infirmary, on which half a million of money has been expended, on Tuesday, July 6th.

Her Majesty the Queen and the French Ambassador have given their patronage to a Franco-British Charity Fête and Bazaar, to be held in the Canadian Palace at the International Exhibition, Shepherd's Bush, from June 9th to June 12th, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the four leading French charities in London and the League of Mercy.

The Twelfth International Congress on Alcoholism, to be held in London from July 18th to July 24th, promises to be very influential in character. Sixteen foreign countries have been invited to appoint official delegates through the Foreign Office, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies has invited all the self-governing Colonies to be represented. The Congress will open with an Official Service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, July 18th, and at the Imperial Institute on July 19th. Papers dealing with the question from various points of view will be read by experts from the United States of America, Germany, France, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, as well as the United Kingdom. On the evening of Monday, July 19th, there will be a Grand Official Reception at the Imperial Institute on behalf of the Government.

The annual Middlesex Hospital Founders' Day Commemoration Service will be held in the Hospital Chapel on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at half-past three o'clock, when a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Herbert E. Gunson, the chaplain. After the service visitors will have the opportunity of inspecting the wards of the hospital, and will be entertained at tea by the invitation of Lord Cheylesmore and members of the Weekly Board of Governors.

At a largely attended meeting at the Mansion House last week, convened by the Council of the National League for Physical Education and Improvement, the Lord Mayor, who presided, said it would pay the State far better to encourage preventive legislation than to be able to boast of innumerable voluntary societies which existed to mitigate evils which might have been prevented. Resolutions were passed urging the imperative necessity for the provision of a pure milk supply, for the appointment of health visitors, and for compulsory physical education in all schools.

Field-Marshal Lord Grenfell, who presided at the festival dinner at the East London Hospital for Children at the Ritz Hotel last week, said that the hospital was situated in a very poor and populous district, exactly where it was wanted. The present expenditure was over £11,900, while the income was only £1,200. He also emphasised the great need for a new nurses' home.

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