

the Director General of the Army Medical Service to visit the Alexandra Hospital at Millbank.

They were received by Col. Harrison and Miss Smyth, the acting Matron, and were first shown the beautiful new chapel, which has recently been given by an anonymous donor.

The wards were next visited, the exceedingly smart appearance of which is a striking contrast to the wards of a military hospital in the old days.

The theatre, electrical and Finsen light departments were thoroughly inspected, and the visitors expressed themselves as greatly impressed by the up-to-date appearance of this beautiful hospital, and by the kind welcome they received from all the staff.

AN IRISH WELCOME.

The Irish Village at the International Imperial Exhibition was thronged on Friday afternoon by about 250 members of the Congress at the kind invitation of the Hon. Albinia Brodrick. A most sumptuous tea was provided, at which many made their first acquaintance with Irish potato cakes and scones. After tea, the Baroness Mannerheim, on behalf of herself and the Finnish delegation, made a charming little speech in which she thanked Miss Brodrick not only for her hospitality that afternoon, but for her unfailing kindness during the whole week as Chief Steward, and then presented her with a beautiful bouquet tied with the national colours of Finland.

Miss Brodrick, in welcoming her guests and thanking the Baroness Mannerheim and the Finnish nurses in a most humorous speech, said that for the moment she wished to turn the meeting into an anti-vivisection one and to tell them something of her animals. She said she owned a farm of about fifteen acres, and on that farm she had a cock who bore a remarkable resemblance to someone she would not name. (Laughter.) He was a beautiful bird and had numerous hens; he was a thorough autocrat, looked well after his own family, but never by any chance considered a hen beyond his own yard. Then followed an amusing little anecdote of the cow, who, although small, would not quietly tolerate the young bull, but lifted him over the fences with her horns. The two little pigs, she said, at first persisted in wandering into the road, thereby rendering her liable to prosecution, and when she put up a 3 ft. 8 in. gate took flying leaps over it. The difference in character of these two little pets so soon, alas, to suspend from the kitchen rafters as savoury bacon and succulent hams, were wittily described.

The guests were then asked to adjourn to the concert room, where the colleens sang most sweetly their Irish songs and danced Irish jigs, etc. One old woman of 76 danced the "Rocky Road to Dublin" amid enthusiastic applause.

During a brief interval Mr. Brown gave a short account of the Irish Village, in which he stated that it cost £30,000 to build; that there were something like 160 pretty Irish girls under his care; everyone employed in the Village was a pledged abstainer, and all the young people under twenty were pledged also to abstain from tobacco; all were vegetarians, and no meat had ever been

served in their restaurant. The profits of the Village were to be given to support the campaign in Ireland of the Women's Health Association against the ravages of tuberculosis, but, owing to a press-boycott, few people had visited the Village this year.

The concert terminated with "The Wearing of the Green," after which the guests, with many thanks, took leave of their kind hostess, who has won for herself special affection and regard during the Congress, and dispersed to make purchases and visit the other parts of the Exhibition.

THE VISIT TO THE ROYAL DOMAIN OF WINDSOR.

Thanks to the kind personal interest of His Majesty the King, the visit to Windsor Castle and the Royal Domain on Saturday last was the crowning triumph of the numerous social functions with which the leisure hours during the great Congress week were filled. The special train, crammed with upwards of 400 happy guests, left Paddington at 1.18, and in beautiful weather arrived at the little Royal borough. The first glimpse of glorious Windsor aroused exclamations of admiration.

Special facilities having been granted by the King, the nurses were met at the station by Mr. Miles, the Inspector of Windsor Castle, who conducted them through St. George's Chapel, the Albert Memorial Chapel, and the magnificent State apartments, to the private grounds. Then in happy groups the 400 walked across the velvet lawns of the beautiful park, past Frogmore House and the Mausoleum, and into the splendid private gardens, where a magnificent wealth of flowers were in bloom on every side. The conservatories were thrown open, and the foreign nurses were most enthusiastic in their praise of the faultless splendour of their contents. Later 200 guests were kindly entertained by Miss Tomlinson to tea in the gardens at the Eton Sanatorium, and, nothing daunted, made a pilgrimage to Eton College, in which all appeared greatly interested as the school of so many of England's greatest statesmen. Before leaving Windsor, after a delightfully happy day, the following telegram was sent to the Lord Chamberlain:—"The 414 members of the International Council of Nurses, visiting Windsor Castle to-day, beg his Majesty the King to accept their humble thanks for graciously granting them special facilities to view the castle and grounds."

THE PRINCESS OF THE REVELS.

Whenever a great nursing function requires organisation, we turn quite naturally to Mrs. Walter Spencer, known to her admirers as the Princess of the Revels. During the Congress week Mrs. Spencer's has been the master mind which has directed all the social functions. Our foreign friends have seen but little of her in the Congress, and heard her speak but seldom, yet we feel sure they have realised how great has been her devotion to their happiness. The success of the receptions, and at the festive board has been admirably admitted by all, and in the hundreds of happy faces around her Mrs. Spencer has reaped a rich reward. She has made hundreds of friends all over the world, and her colleagues at home acknowledge their gratitude for her splendid services.

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