

On May 25th the Irish Nurses' Association had its second excursion of the season to Killiney Hill. There was a good attendance; some came by cycle, some by tram and train, but all met at Victoria Gate Lodge, where tea was served at 4.30 p.m. The Hill was then climbed, and everyone was well repaid by the lovely view. The weather was magnificent. The nurses sat in groups, feasting their eyes and getting a good supply of fresh air. All were reluctant to leave when "duty" called them back.

Members of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association spent a most enjoyable afternoon at Whitehead on Thursday in last week. These excursions, which are arranged for their enjoyment, are greatly appreciated by the members.

We are very pleased to note that both North and South—at Belfast as well as Cork—Roman Catholic religious nursing Sisters are joining the Irish Nurses' Association, thus taking their part in this national movement for the benefit of nurses and the sick. Some of the most influential Bishops in Ireland are well acquainted with proposed legislation through the Nurses' Registration Bill, and their approval is most helpful to the movement.

Mr. Fisher, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Mr. Deakin, the leader of the Opposition, have addressed a joint letter to the Australian public appealing for financial support to the Countess of Dudley's bush nursing scheme as a memorial to King Edward.

Sister Agnes Karll, the President of the International Council of Nurses, sends sympathy for the death of our late King, and is so glad that so beautiful a wreath was sent to Windsor in memory of King Edward the Seventh's kindness to the members of the Council last July.

Sister Karll will be in Zurich all summer, after a tour to the centres of the German Nurses' Association in the large cities of South Germany. She is preparing to engage in the most useful work of translating "A History of Nursing," by Miss Nutting and Miss Dock; this will be of the utmost value to German nurses, and greatly appreciated by them. Sister Karll is still in the fray. As she says, "if progress is to be made, combat can never finish." She is already busy making arrangements for the welfare of foreign nurses for the Congress of 1912, so that she may show us "how warmly she feels for all our interests."

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The members of the Board of Management of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, have presented an Address to the King on his Accession expressing their devoted loyalty and heartfelt sympathy, and to the Queen Mother one of respectful and heartfelt sympathy in her grievous bereavement.

The first meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums' Board, after its reconstitution for the three years ending May 15th, 1913, took place on Saturday. For the post of chairman for the year Mr. Jackson Hunt and Mr. Walter Dennis were nominated, and the latter was elected by 36 votes to 23.

The Treasurer of Guy's Hospital always issues a very explicit report. For last year it states that the wards never rendered greater service to the poor, the 8,933 in-patients accommodated being substantially in excess of the number for any previous year in the existence of the charity. The new out-patient department was completed, occupied, and its cost discharged, and a sufficient income received to meet the year's expenditure. The governors contemplate measures for further necessary works. Some of these, the re-building of Clinical House, including an increase of beds for special departments and the provision of separate wards for children, were mentioned in the previous report. A fuller list comprises, *inter alia*, a new operating suite, new residences for certain officers and servants of the hospital, and an extension of the Henriette Raphael Nurses' Home, and these latter works, because of their urgency, the governors have been compelled to undertake without further delay. The cost of the whole scheme of improvement and extension will, it is estimated, be covered by the £60,000, for which a preliminary appeal was issued twelve months since. We hope every penny will soon be subscribed. Guy's nurses are very well cared for, their home a model, and "Matron" always one of their own.

All cases of pulmonary tuberculosis attending the out-patient department at Middlesex Hospital are now notified. Arrangements have been made with the Education Department of the London County Council for the attendance of a certificated lecturer in cookery, who instructs the nurses in invalid cookery, and already there have been satisfactory results. The course forms part of the regular curriculum, and is one of the most important parts of a nurse's training.

At St. Thomas's it is hoped that the new maternity ward will be opened in October. In the X-ray department 4,020 patients were treated during the year. The total expenditure last year was £63,431, and the income £62,650, including an anonymous donation of £5,000.

The Colchester Hospital appears to be faced with a serious position. There is a total deficiency of £4,000.

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