

President, will be in the chair, and a great gathering is anticipated; she sends greetings to her friends in England, and wishes they could be present.

We are glad to learn that Miss Snively sails for England in August, and intends to spend the winter in Devon and Cornwall, so that we shall have the pleasure of seeing her again before long.

The Territorial Force Nursing Service.

We are officially informed, and have pleasure in announcing, that arrangements have been made for 130 members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service to be present on the line of route on the day of the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary on June 22nd, and on the occasion of the Royal Procession on the following day. The Principal Matrons of the general hospitals and from four to six members of the Service in each Command, are being invited to be present on the two days, through the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, and the names of those selected to attend each day will be forwarded to the Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Force Nursing Service, at the War Office forthwith.

The uniform of the Territorial Force Nursing Service must be worn, and particulars of this uniform will shortly be forwarded to the Principal Matrons. The members of the Service who receive invitations will assemble at the Middlesex Hospital by the kind permission of Prince Alexander of Teck, and the Board of Management of the hospital and an officer has been appointed to conduct them as a body to the seats reserved for them at the Queen Victoria Memorial opposite Buckingham Palace.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

On Friday, May 19th, at 8.30 p.m., the Hon. Albinia Brodrick will give one of her delightful lectures on Kerry at the offices of the Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, when all nurses and their friends will be welcome. The lecture is in aid of Ballincoona (the house of help), which Miss Brodrick with so much personal devotion is building at Caherdaniel in that charming county. The members of the Irish Nurses' Association are, with reason, proud of their new offices in the lovely old house in St. Stephen's Green, and will no doubt be glad of the opportunity of inviting their friends to hear an interesting lecture, and to see their new possession.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon will lay the commemoration stone of the new Nurses' Home of the London Homœopathic Hospital on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 2 p.m., and will afterwards open the grand Sale of Work arranged by the Ladies' Guild in fulfilment of their promise to raise £500 towards the Extension Fund of the Hospital, to help to pay for the much needed wards for middle-class contributing patients.

The West Kirby Convalescent Home, which was the first institution of its kind to provide an open-air ward for children suffering from tuberculous affections not of a pulmonary character, is to be congratulated on the results which have demonstrated beyond doubt the wisdom of this method and the necessity for its extension. This, owing to the generosity of Mr. E. F. Callister, who has given £800 for the purpose, is now possible, and the foundation stone of the new extension was recently laid by Miss Callister. It is tribute to the good work done by the nurses that Mr. Callister said he had for many years been attracted to the Home by reason of the consideration and kindness of the nurses to the children, and he had been waiting several years for an opportunity of doing something to show his appreciation of the work carried on there. This must be very gratifying to Miss Bryant, the present, and Miss Douglas, the late, Matron.

A new gynæcological operating theatre has recently been opened at the Cardiff Infirmary by Lady Aberdare, after whom the theatre has been named. The operating theatre is fitted up in the most up-to-date manner, and a students' gallery at the north end, separated from the table by a glazed screen, the full length of the room. The heating apparatus of the theatre is done by means of two sets of radiators, one set being heated by hot water to the temperature of 70 degrees, and the other by steam, designed to raise in five minutes the temperature to 90 degrees if necessary. The ventilation is simple, fresh air being introduced through carbolised wool behind the radiators, and the vitiated air extracted by 18-inch blade electric fan. One of Thompson and Ritchie's hospital operating standards, with 8 ft. long arm electric bulb, is arranged to carry light over any part of the table during operations. The operating room is lighted by four 100 volts bulk-head ceiling lights. The floor is of terrazzo, and the walls are lined with white Sicilian marble. The ceiling is in Parian cement and enamelled white. Interior painting is enamelled white, and the radiators are finished in aluminium paint. The operating theatre is splendidly lighted by a north top light, the full width of the building, in addition to end and side lights. The sterilising room, entered by an archway from the operating theatre, is also lined with marble, and is fitted up with the latest steam sterilisers, for dressings, dishes, water, and instruments. Cardiff has good right to be thoroughly proud of the latest addition to its Infirmary.

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