

### Nursing Echoes.



During her visit to London the German Empress paid a visit to the German Hospital at Dalston, to fulfil a promise to visit the Children's Ward. Naturally her Majesty had a most enthusiastic welcome, and spoke with almost all the children in the ward, going from cot to cot, bending over the little sufferers with caressing words and touches. The children were very excited, and most of them very shy, but the Empress put them all at their ease with her kindly "Good-day, little one." Several nurses also were warmly shaken by the hand, and spoken with in the most kindly manner. London agrees that the German Empress was very gracious and charming during her recent visit.

We are asked to announce that at the recent meeting of the Grand Committee of the Territorial Force Nursing Service of the City and County of London, held on May 17th, at the Mansion House, the Lady Mayoress presiding, a resolution was adopted recommending that the limited number of London nurses for whom seats are to be provided opposite Buckingham Palace to view the Coronation Procession on June 22nd, and the Royal Procession on the following day, should be selected by ballot. It was unanimously agreed that by this means of selection everyone would be satisfied, even if they were not amongst the fortunate few to have seats.

Lady Helen Munro Ferguson's address at the meeting on the organised Red Cross Scheme for Voluntary Aid, covering its spheres of usefulness from the front to the base hospitals, was exceedingly instructive, and proved how necessary the inclusion of highly skilled male and female nurses would be if the scheme was to be effective. The diagrams used by Lady Helen in illustrating her address made the scheme exceedingly clear, and she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her kindness in attending and instructing those present.

The unveiling ceremony of the Florence Nightingale Memorial window at the Chapel of the Military Hospital, Milbank, fixed for Wednesday last (May 24th), has been unavoidably postponed.

From the *Nursing Journal of India* we learn that the nurses' memorial to Miss Nightingale will take the form of a bust in bronze, to be placed in the Victoria Memorial Hall, which is being erected in Calcutta. As the late Queen Victoria and Miss Nightingale were contemporaries and friends it is thought that to place the bust in the Memorial Hall would be less "local" and more representative than to place it in the Calcutta Cathedral, as originally proposed.

Miss J. E. Pritchard, the Hon. Secretary of the Indian Nurses' Nightingale Memorial Fund, has received a letter from the Secretary of the Victoria Memorial saying that "His Excellency, the President, and the Trustees, will thankfully accept this historically important contribution."

The nurses in India have managed their own memorial to the Founder of their profession, and all has been harmoniously accomplished. That is as it should be.

There has for some time been a movement on foot to start the "Nurses' Social Union" in London. As far back as April of last year a meeting was held at Aubrey House, Kensington, which was largely attended by representatives from all branches of the nursing profession. Miss Eden explained the aims and objects of the Union, and there was a unanimous opinion expressed that it would be found useful to London nurses, and that the ground was not covered by any existing Society. Later in the year a provisional committee was appointed to whom was entrusted the task of finding a Board organiser and other initial arrangements. Miss Eggestorff has consented to act as organiser. A Board has been formed, and was affiliated by the Central Council at its annual meeting in February last, the President for the year being Miss Alexander, of Aubrey House, Kensington, the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Fowke. One branch has been formed for Kensington and Paddington in the West, and another will shortly be started at Stepney in the East of London.

Miss Clayton is the Branch Organiser of the former and Miss Eggestorff of the latter.

It has been determined in the first instance not to limit the membership, and invitations to meetings to residents within these areas. Considerable interest in the Nurses' Social Union has been aroused amongst nurses in various parts of London, and although the moment does not appear ripe to form other branches, it is hoped that by the plan of admitting members from the nursing profession throughout the Metropolitan area that sufficient enthusiasm will be aroused to make people come

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