

**THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE STATUE.**

At the time of our going to press the date of the unveiling of the statue of Florence Nightingale in Waterloo Place, S.W., is not definitely announced, but it is expected to take place very shortly, and it is hoped that the ceremony may be performed by Lord Kitchener. It would be specially appropriate that the duty should be undertaken by the Secretary of State for War, the head of the Government Department to which Miss Nightingale rendered such illustrious service.

**IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.**

A trio of interesting lectures has been arranged by the Irish Nurses' Association. The first, on "The Eye," by Dr. Euphan Maxwell, took place on Tuesday last; the next, by Dr. Meldon, on "Anæsthetics," will be delivered on February 16th; and the third, by Dr. Mabel Crawford, on "Burns and Frost-bite," on April 13th. In each case the lecture is on a Tuesday; and will be delivered in the rooms of the Association, at 34, St. Stephen's Green, at 7.30 p.m.

**TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.****OVERHEARD IN A CAFÉ.**

The following was actually overheard by me last week in a Café:—

*Red Cross Girl.*—"We are expecting to be called up to nurse the wounded any day."

*Elderly friend.*—"You will find such unaccustomed work difficult at first."

*Red Cross Girl.*—"Oh no! You see I have just had a week's training in hospital."

*Elderly friend.*—"That's capital! Of course you know all about it now. That's really capital!"

A. W.

**THE FORCE OF DISCIPLINE.**

One realises the wonderful spirit of the Navy (says the *Nation*) not merely in the story of the loss of the *Formidable*, but in accounts of the slighter accidents of the fleets. The other day, for example, the commander of a destroyer, rolling heavily in a gale, and with her engines disabled, tried to lessen the strain by lading out oil. The seaman engaged in this work was washed overboard, and washed back again by a returning wave. He picked himself up, saluted his officer and said: "Very sorry, sir; lost the bucket."

**EXAMINATION.**

At the recent examination held at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C., the following nurses were successful, they also have attended at the Tuberculosis Dispensary:—Misses O. M. Wallis, A. Butcher, C. M. Henniker, G. K. D. Johnston, G. McCulloch, G. M. Servante, E. A. Jones, M. Morrison, A. Mooney, J. E. L. Chatfield, G. Coffin, J. Giles, A. B. Williams, A. L. Briscoe, N. P. Wheeler, M. V. Wood, A. M. Johnson, H. O'Reilly, M. F. Jackson, M. E. Stoneham, D. M. Amos, E. M. Edge, J. M. Heward, H. B. Lee, M. V. Johnson, M. E. Parker.

**NURSING ECHOES.**

Members of the Matrons' Council are reminded that the Annual Meeting will take place at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, January 29th, at 4 p.m. After the business meeting there will be an interval for tea, after which Miss Mollett will open a discussion on "Women and Their Work during the War."

The Gravesend Hospital has been the scene of a fire, which once more has proved the courage and devotion to duty of the nursing staff.

The outbreak was discovered by one of the nurses at 4.15 a.m. She noticed a smell of burning, and it was traced to an unoccupied room immediately above the children's ward. The children, fifteen in number, were quickly transferred to an emergency ward which had been prepared for wounded soldiers.

The hospital fire brigade attacked the flames pending the arrival of the town brigade. Two nurses' rooms were burned out and the children's ward was badly damaged.

We hope the staff have recovered from the shock, always the result of such a terrifying experience as fire in a hospital.

At a recent meeting of the Hartlepoons Hospital Governors, appreciation was expressed of the coolness and heroism of the Matron, Miss Stephenson, and nursing staff during the recent bombardment. When the institution was in the very hottest part of the firing, shells bursting all round, the nurses, it was stated, stayed calmly at their posts, tending their patients and removing to less dangerous parts those who were in more exposed sections of the building. Fortunately the hospital was not struck, though great havoc was wrought amongst property all round.

Colonel Burdon, in moving a vote of appreciation, said the hospital staff could not have been in greater danger had they been at the front. He also said that having discovered the dangerous position of the institution in case of bombardment they should not defer action too long, but should either shift the hospital or shift the battery.

It was reported that the Matron had received a letter from Lord Charles Beresford, thanking her for her courtesy on the occasion of a visit from himself and Sir Edward Carson some days after the bombardment, and asking if the Government had made any grant to the hospital.

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