

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Miss Margaret O'Flynn, who has been elected President of the Irish Nurses' Association, whose portrait we have pleasure in publishing in this issue, was trained for three years at the Drumcondra Hospital, Dublin, and obtained the first silver medal given in the Dublin Technical School for Nurses. She held the post of Sister at Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, for two and a half years, in gynaecological and female surgical wards, and then went to the Royal Hospital, Bristol, where she remained for seven years as Surgical Sister, Night Superintendent, and temporary Assistant Matron respectively. She left Bristol eight years ago to take up her present appointment as Lady Superintendent of the Children's Hospital, Temple Street, Dublin.

Miss O'Flynn has always been a strong advocate of State Registration for Nurses, and has worked as a member of the Irish Nurses' Association to help forward this movement. She is very keen on Nursing Education, and looks forward to the time when the Hospital of which she is Lady Superintendent (where the training and discipline are excellent) may be able, through affiliations, to give the certificate of a fully-trained nurse to its pupils. At the present time the appointment of a public-spirited patriotic President such as Miss O'Flynn is known to be, is of great importance to the Irish Nursing World, and we congratulate the Irish Nurses' Association on the appointment, and wish the new President a happy and successful year of office.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The All-day Working Party at Guy's Hospital, in connection with the Nurses' Missionary League (which has now become an annual affair through the kindness of the Matron, Sisters and Staff), was held on Tuesday, March 20th.

Sister Luke and many other friends had collected money, bought material, cut out garments, &c., and when we arrived at 9 a.m. we found the "workroom" arranged: sewing machines, bandage rollers, and everything in preparation for the many workers. These came in throughout the day, as "off-duty" time allowed (some only having a quarter of an hour to spare spent the time in rolling bandages), and much

interest in the effort was shown by one and all alike—Matron, chaplains, nurses with half-days, all wishing to take their share.

The happy recipient of this bit of work will be a former Guy's Nurse, Miss E. A. Barron, who is working under the C.E.Z.M.S. at Tah Ding Hospital, Foochow, and the contents of the box will include bandages (28 many tail, 8 T, 12 double cataract, 164 roller), 30 doctor's towels and 8 baby's frocks.

During the day short missionary talks were given by Miss E. F. Horne (U.M.C.A.), Central Africa; Miss F. E. Campbell (Guy's W.M.S.), South India, and Dr. Catherine Ironside (C.M.S.), Persia.

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THE QUIET DAY.

The "Quiet Day," held in connection with the Nurses' Missionary League at Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, on March 27th, provided an opportunity for prayer and silent meditation,

which was greatly appreciated by the good number of nurses who were able to be present at one time or another during the day. The services were conducted by the Rev. G. H. Harris, S.C.F. (chaplain, King George Hospital). In the morning he spoke of "Discipleship" and "Eternal Truth," dwelling specially upon the call to self-sacrifice in the life of each disciple, and upon the Cross of Christ as the eternal truth which alone abides today amid the ruins of civilisation. In the afternoon, he gave three addresses—on "Worship," which he defined as "self-forgetfulness in the presence of God realised

in His purity, holiness and love; on "Work"; and on "Vision." Work for Christ is an essential in the Christian's life; it is the very highest duty to pass on what we have of Christ. It is not the work only of ministers and missionaries, though many more of them are needed. The life which compels people to think about Jesus Christ in the home, the hospital, the workshop, is the greatest factor in the spread of the Gospel. For such work the nurse has constantly around her opportunities which come to very few. It is impossible to gauge the depth of her influence, but such influence can only be its highest on a foundation of prayer and a deep inner life. For the future we can look forward with hope.

At the evening service the address on "The Ideal Servant" was given by the Rector, Rev. E. N. Sharpe, but we regret being unable to report it as we are just going to press.



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