December 6, 1919

NURSING ECHOES,

The Annual Show of the Nurses' Needlework Guild of the Nurses' Co-operation is being held, as we go to press, at the Howard de Walden Club, 35, Langham Street, W. This is always a cheery gathering, with beautiful and useful work on view to be sent to various hospitals and institutions for the comfort of the patients.

On Saturday, December 6th, at 3.30 p.m., a Farewell Reception is being given by the Chairman and Council of the Serbian Red Cross Society in Great Britain, at 9, Ennismore Gardens, South Kensington, to their Excellencies Yovan and Madame Yovanovitch, who are returning to Serbia at an early date. Milan Yovanovitch, and Dusko Yovanovitch, celebrated Serb boy artistes, one of violin and the other of pianoforte fame, will play for the first time in England.

Serbia is one of the most interesting, and sorely tried of the Allies, and many British people will no doubt take the opportunity of sending by their Excellencies messages of good will and helpfulness to our gallant ally.

It is just two years since Dr. Elsie Inglis died, and an appeal has been issued for a National Memorial to her—not a column or a statue, but the simple and appropriate project of carrying on what she would have done. It is proposed to divide the fund between the Edinburgh "Hospice," which Dr. Inglis established, and an institution for training Serbian women as nurses. Dr. Elsie Inglis was one of the greatest heroines of the war.

The Winter Gathering of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held in the Clinical Theatre at the hospital on Saturday, 13th instant. After the routine business, Mrs. Dickenson Berry, M.D., will lecture on "Serbia and Jugo-Slavia—before the War and After," illustrated with lantern slides, which will be most interesting, as Dr. Berry has "been there," and will speak from personal experience. Tea will follow in the Nurses' Sitting Room.

On Thursday, December 11th, the South Kensington Nurses' Co-operation, 41, Alfred Place, South Kensington, are holding a Reunion after the Great War. During the war the members were scattered far and wide, and many have done excellent work and had a share of War Honours. On the 11th instant the Superintendent, Miss Hephzibah Walker, will be At Home from 4 to 6 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m., and the programme includes tea, music, distribution of the S.K.N.C. War Book, and, at 8 o'clock, dancing.

Lewisham's medical officer having complained of a lack of hospital accommodation for cases of infectious disease, the Metropolitan Asylums Board says that one of their difficulties is to get a sufficient staff since hours have been reduced to forty-eight per week.

Professor Corby has accepted the Presidentship of the Cork Nurses' Association, and presided at a recent meeting at Father Matthew Hall, Cork. Miss Farrissey, Chairman, extended to him, on behalf of the Association, a very hearty welcome and their sincere thanks.

Professor Corby, who was enthusiastically received, said he should thank them very much indeed for the honour they had conferred on him. It would give him very much pleasure to act as president of that association, and he could assure them, at the outset, that he would gladly do anything in his power to forward. their interests. He could not help thinking that they had selected him because of his efforts on one particular occasion on behalf of the nursing staff of a city institution. As they were aware, he had accomplished some little thing on that occasion. Then, as now, he always thought that nurses should be regarded as human beings and not machines.

A member introduced the question of amalgamation, and, it having been fully discussed, the President gave it as his opinion that it would not be advisable for the Association to join with any other association. His suggestion was adopted.

The following officers were elected:--President, Professor Corby, M.D.; Chairman, Miss M. K. Farrissey; Vice-Chairman, Miss O'Brien; Hon. Treas., Miss M. K. Farrissey; Hon. Secs., Misses K. M'Carthy and M. Walsh; Committee, Misses N. Cronin B. Denn, — Dolan, M. Downey, M. Enright, J. Hurley, K. Lyons, L. Murphy, P. Murphy, T. Murphy, M. MacCarthy, — M'Mahon, E. O'Callaghan, L. O'Callaghan, N. O'Regan, -- Starkie.

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