

and the Nurses' Sitting Rooms, which are handsomely and harmoniously furnished can be made into one room, about 100 feet long by opening the folding doors which separate them. The furniture and equipment have been chosen by the Matron, with the aid of a small Staff Committee, who are greatly to be congratulated on the way in which the work has been carried out. The bed-sitting rooms of the Sisters are charming, besides giving scope for individual taste, and the nurses' rooms are much the same, except that the bedsteads are not convertible into couches.

The dining room gives almost the impression of a College Hall, with tables of stained wood, laid for small groups of diners, relieved from dullness with bright coloured mats, and the blue and white willow pattern Wedgwood china, which is uniformly provided for all meals.

The Service Room contains many labour-saving devices, such for instance, as a boiler for making tea which refuses to function until the water is boiling, plenty of "hot plates," two electric lifts from the kitchen, and an electric washing-up machine.

Most interesting was the kitchen with its up-to-date cookers, boilers, and all the appliances for providing and serving and preserving good food, for there is no doubt that the kitchen is the centre of efficiency in such an institution. It is good food, appetisingly served, which tempts and reinvigorates tired nurses after hours of hard and anxious work in the wards. Here we noticed cakes baked a uniform golden brown, done to a turn, and milk—such milk—with thick cream on the surface. No doubt about Grade A in that instance.

#### THE ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL.

The Royal Ear Hospital (Duveen Memorial) is in a forward state, permitting the Prince to unveil the Memorial Tablet.

It will contain 38 beds for In-patients and ample room for the treatment of Out-patients.

There are three wards each containing 10 beds for ordinary patients and 8 single-bedded wards for paying patients.

A feature of this hospital will be a Silence Room of nearly 3,500 cubic feet with walls impenetrable to extraneous noises so that absolute accuracy and completely consistent results will be obtained in the examination of deaf patients.

Our illustration on page 119 shows the Prince crossing from the Nurses' Home to the Ear Hospital with the Matron, Miss Darbyshire, S.R.N., to the right, and the Princess Arthur of Connaught, S.R.N., to the left. As can be seen both ladies are charmingly and becomingly dressed.

We are not surprised to learn that there is an ample supply of well-educated candidates for training in the first-class Nursing School attached to the University College Hospital. We longed to be Probationers once again!

E.G.F. & M.B.

#### THE I.C.N.

The I.C.N. (the Official Organ of the International Council of Nurses), the second number of which is now before us, states that the Icelandic Nurses' Association sent out in June, 1925, the first issue of their new publication "Tímarit," which is written in the Icelandic language and mimeographed. It is intended that this little paper should appear several times in 1926. The Editor is the President of the Icelandic Nurses' Association, Miss Sigríður Eiríksdóttir.

The Headquarters of the National Association of Italian Nurses has been moved from the Headquarters of the Italian Red Cross in Via Tuscana, 12, to the new Nurses' Home in Piazza Sassari.

#### THE NURSES' BAZAAR.

A Meeting of the Bazaar Sub-Committee, in support of the finances of the International Council of Nurses, and the Emergency Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on May 17th. Mrs. Fenwick who was in the chair reported that H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught, S.R.N., had graciously consented to open the Bazaar on July 15th.

That various possible Halls had been seen and recommended that the most suitable appeared to be the Conference Hall, at the Central Hall, Westminster, this was amply large for the purpose and was available on Thursday and Friday, July 15th and 16th, at the cost of £7 7s. od. a day, and half price for the half day for preparation on Wednesday, July 14th.

The Committee unanimously agreed to secure this Hall.

The following stalls were arranged:—

1. *Antiques*.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. Gifts to be sent to 431, Oxford Street, London, W., marked "Antiques." Needlework, porcelain, pottery, glass, bead-work, brass, copper, fans, *papier mâché*, little boxes, all to be as pretty as possible, will be most gratefully accepted.

2. *Tea Stall*.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain, Miss Carson Rae and Miss A. E. Hulme. Gifts of cakes, home made bread, tea cakes, butter, tea, &c., will be acceptable. Members willing to help with gifts and serving tea, are asked to notify Miss Carson Rae, 55, Hazlewell Road, Putney, S.W.15, of their intention to send gifts, and to deliver them to her in the Conference Hall, on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 14th, after 4 p.m.

3. *Home Produce Stall*.—The Association of Hospital Matrons have agreed to organise a Provision Stall, Miss D. Finch has this section in hand, and Miss R. Cox-Davies writes that Miss Lloyd-Still has most kindly arranged to have all gifts for this Stall sent to her at St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.1., and desires it made clear that all gifts must be clearly labelled "Association of Hospital Matrons" as otherwise Miss Lloyd-Still fears they may go astray in the Hospital.

This is usually a very popular stall at Bazaars, as those visiting it can obtain useful supplies necessary for their households, and feel they are getting something really useful for their money!

4. *The General Stall* will be undertaken by the College of Nursing, and all contributions should be addressed to Miss D. S. Coode, and be sent direct to the College, 1A, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1. Everything of use and beauty, needlework, &c., comes under this heading.

5. *Dolls and Pictures*.—Miss Isabel Macdonald, on behalf of the Royal British Nurses' Association, will be pleased to receive gifts at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, and offers a prize for the best dressed doll. Miss Macdonald is a flower painter of great charm, and will kindly present some of her studies and pastels, which always find a ready sale.

6. *Flowers*.—The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council will undertake the Flower Stall, which Miss A. Cattell will organise and superintend.

7. *Sweets*.—Miss A. Bryson, Miss Villiers and Miss Drakard, of the Fever Section of the R.N.P.C., will have this department in hand. Nothing of course will come direct from an infectious diseases hospital.

8. *Five Shilling Stall*.—The Registered Nurses' Society will undertake a five shilling stall, organised by Miss E. E. Fowler, who may be considered an expert. Members of the R.N.S. and other Private Nurses are invited to make or

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