

dent, will represent the Queen's Institute of District Nursing at the International Congress of Nurses to be held in Montreal in July.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 1881-1887—has been invited by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses to unveil the Bronze Plaque of Miss Isla Stewart, Matron 1887-1910, which is being placed by the League in the Isla Stewart Memorial Library—in the new Nurses' Home—which was opened by the Lord Mayor of London on January 17th, 1929. We hear the Plaque is lifelike and beautiful. It is the work of Mr. Allan G. Wyon, whose magnificent bust of Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., LL.D., First President of the Indian Legislative Assembly, was so greatly admired in the Royal Academy Exhibition last year.

Miss Edith Evans, who is at present playing the part of Florence Nightingale in "The Lady with a Lamp," which is having such a successful run at the Garrick Theatre, has generously consented to give a talk on this play, the proceeds to be in aid of the general funds of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.

It is also hoped that Captain Reginald Berkeley, the author of the play, will be present and speak.

This function will take place on the afternoon of Friday, 10th May, at 3 p.m., at 27, Grosvenor Square, W., by kind permission of Mrs. Robert Fleming. Tea tickets, price 5s., may be obtained on application to Headquarters of the Union, 15, Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.1, and the organisers hope that many will take advantage of this splendid opportunity of meeting Miss Evans, one of our finest actresses, and will also make the meeting widely known amongst their friends.

In memory of Florence Nightingale the Governor, Mr. Roosevelt, has issued a proclamation that 12th May, the 109th anniversary of her birth, shall be National Hospital Day in New York State.

It is with great pleasure we are able to report that the latest news of Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., is that he is making good progress, and it is hoped that, in the near future, his health will be re-established. We sincerely trust that it may continue to improve. We are sure that, in or out of Parliament, the Nursing Profession may count on the good offices of Sir Richard in any way in which he is able to be of service to its members.

When the Queen opened the new wing of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital on May 8th, Miss Alice Cattell, F.B.C.N. (President of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses), presented a purse to Her Majesty on its behalf, containing over £26.

The Union keeps always in remembrance the kindness extended by this hospital to its late Hon. Secretary, Miss Maud MacCallum, during her last illness, during the Matronship of Miss G. R. Hale, R.R.C., and has taken this opportunity to demonstrate its gratitude.

The Kent County Hospital, Maidstone, is one of the finest and most progressive of our mental hospitals,

and we learn that Miss Florence Pickard, who has a very fine record, has just been appointed Sister Tutor in this institution. Miss Pickard was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and did private nursing for some years. Later she held an appointment as Sister in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve and served at home and abroad. Shortly after leaving the Service, she was appointed Sister of the Women's and Children's Wards at Stockton and Thornaby Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees; and later left to take charge of two Male Wards and a Theatre at St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax. In 1922, Miss Pickard took a course of Housekeeping and Administrative work at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, and for a time did temporary duty as Sister-in-Charge of the Nurses' Home and Preliminary Training School there. After that she became Sister of the Men's Medical Ward at the Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa, and next held the appointment of Out-Patient Sister at the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, where later she was appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor.

Miss Pickard is highly educated and very popular among her colleagues. She is an excellent administrator and has a wide experience in this branch of work. We are informed that she is an excellent teacher, and the results of her work as Sister Tutor have given great satisfaction to those in authority at St. Cross.

Many friends in Great Britain of Mrs. Mary Breckinridge, Director of the Kentucky Frontier Nursing Service, with whose splendid pioneer nursing and midwifery work in the fastnesses of the great Appalachian mountains this journal keeps its readers acquainted, have enjoyed a brief visit from her during the last month.

In Edinburgh, on 10th April, Sir Leslie and Lady Mackenzie, who last year visited Kentucky and inaugurated a new centre in one of the isolated areas cared for by the Frontier Nursing Service, invited a distinguished gathering to meet her, including the Lord Provost (Sir Alexander Stevenson) and the Lady Provost, and distinguished representatives of the medical, nursing, educational, administrative and municipal life of the city.

In introducing Mrs. Breckinridge, Sir Leslie Mackenzie said that she was of Scottish descent, and her name was well known all over the Southern States. Her father was a distinguished officer in the Civil War, and was Ambassador to Russia in his day. Her grandfather was General John Breckinridge, whose statue they would find all over the south, and who had stood as candidate against Lincoln for the Presidency.

In the course of a most interesting address, Mrs. Breckinridge, describing the people amongst whom she works, said that:—

This old American stock was highly intelligent, as had been shown by tests on between sixty and seventy children made recently by a psychologist helping them in their work. But like all pioneers, the mountaineers were too ready with their guns and valued life lightly. They were very chivalrous to women. Her nurses could go anywhere by day or night. No instance had ever been known of injury to a woman. They did not steal;

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