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Crewe House All Ready for New Occupants

Ambassador Houghton Keeps on
Entire Domestic Staff—
Flu in London.

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LONDON, Wednesday.—The American Ambassador, notwithstanding the important business of closing up his affairs at the Embassy before sailing on February 18, is finding time to give some sittings for his portrait to Sir Philip de Lazlo. Mrs. Kellogg has hoped to be able to have her portrait done also before leaving England, but up to the present the larger diplomatic, and the smaller and more intimate, entertaining has been so heavy as to make it impossible.

Crewe House in Order.

No matter what theories Mrs. Houghton may have as to the running of Crewe House from a social and domestic angle after her arrival, it is a distinct tribute to Mrs. Kellogg's excellent management of her home that the incoming Ambassadors means to commence her stay in England with everything at Lord Crewe's splendid house going on exactly as it has under Mrs. Kellogg, who is to leave the entire staff in working order for the new tenants.

Influenza is thinning the ranks for both dance and dinner hostesses whose calculations are frequently disturbed now by last minute notes of regret, and the necessity to "fill in," a process enjoyed by neither the entertainer nor those willing to oblige.

Lady Hood and her daughter, Miss Nickerson, formerly of Boston, whose wedding to the Hon. Walter James is promised for the near future, have returned from Gstaad and are again at East Sheen Lodge.

Miss Kathleen Gelshenen, of New York, is among the younger Americans frequently seen at dansants. She was presented by Mrs. Post Wheeler at one of the Courts of 1923 and has come with her mother, Mrs. Carpenter Gelshenen, to remain indefinitely at 7 Cadogan gardens.

S. Parker Gilbert at Carlton.

Mr. Anthony Drexel, who is at the Ritz, is leaving shortly for Paris. Mr. S. Parker Gilbert, the Agent General for Reparation Payments, accompanied by Mrs. Gilbert, is stopping at the Carlton, having come from Berlin. Their home in America is at Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Angus McKay, of Stonecrest, New Windsor-on-the-Hudson, are expected back from the Continent next month and will stop again at the Hyde Park Hotel.