

There was also a large party being sent by the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon to Alexandria.

The British residents and visitors at Alexandria and Cairo are to be congratulated on their promptness, resourcefulness, and liberality. To meet the needs of the sudden influx of sick and wounded, and through the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon, now in Egypt, they sent home for thoroughly trained nurses to be despatched at once.

The nurses were selected by Miss Moore, Matron of the Duchess Nursing Home, Beaumont Street, W., and their passage by the P. & O. steamer *Mongolia*, were taken, and other arrangements made by the Hon. Mrs. Aubrey Herbert. So without any red tape, or delay, a party of 24 nurses left Tilbury on Saturday, 15th inst. It included Miss F. Borrett, Miss F. Duckett, Miss C. Evans, and Miss L. Park, of the Registered Nurses' Society; Miss K. Bland, Miss J. Bryan, Miss M. Buxton, Miss K. Coldwell, Miss M. Copinger, Miss G. Conolly, Miss A. Holmes, Miss E. John, Miss D. Jones, Miss C. Keene, Miss A. Lewis-Edwards, Miss M. Little, Miss M. MacCall, Miss G. Maclean, Miss C. Pearson, Miss M. Roberts, Miss E. Sharp, Miss E. Smart, Miss N. Taylor Morley.

That this party of thoroughly trained and certificated nurses should have been selected and despatched at a few days' notice is proof, if proof is needed, that there are nurses to be had if the War Office or other employers are willing to pay the fees which they ordinarily command.

Sir Victor Horsley, who has been working in a hospital for our wounded for the past six weeks, has returned warmly enthusiastic concerning the work of our nurses; he said: "The nursing is simply splendid," and then he asked, "and who has depreciated their salaries and cut them down by one half?" Sir Victor had but a few hours in London as he had to embark for service in Egypt, but he hoped to make enquiries on the question of salaries of nurses on active service, and see if it were not possible to do justice in this particular.

We told him about our proposal to form a Nurses' Economic League so that private nurses who could not afford, owing to family responsibilities, to work for less than £2 2s. a week, might offer their services to the sick and wounded at their normal fee. When there was a shortage of trained nurses for fever work, some little time ago, the Metropolitan Asylums Board engaged nurses from private nursing institutions at £2 12s. 6d. a week, at a very considerable cost to the ratepayer, but why should the State be permitted to undersell the market value of women's work? It is not attempted with men. Indeed our Admiralty is paying the physicians and surgeons it has retained for service in the Navy a salary of £5,000 a year, although we doubt if several of the younger surgeons retained are earning such an income in the open market. Private nurses can and do earn from £2 2s. to £3 3s. a week and should not be paid less by the State than the former fee.

We are pleased to know the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon, through whom a large contingent of nurses were sent to Cairo on Saturday, has arranged for those selected to receive £2 2s. a week as long as their services are required, and on these terms several members of the Trained Nurses' Economic League were engaged from the Registered Nurses' Society, and as presented on page 433 we feel sure those who employ them, and our brave wounded men for whom they are to care, with all their skill and devotion, will feel they are well worth the money. Meanwhile they will be able to fulfil their family obligations with peace of mind.

Miss Florence Wedderburn Pritchard, one of the party of thirteen nurses who left for Serbia on May 9th, has held the post of Superintendent of the District Nursing Association, Hull, affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, for the last five and a-half years. She was trained, and afterwards held the position of Sister, at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, and had a varied experience in district nursing before her appointment to Hull.

It was reported at a meeting of managers of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary that they had on the list 180 fully trained Infirmary nurses on service. Of these, 57 were serving abroad, and 3 were on a hospital ship. Those abroad were in France and in Malta, while about 120 were in this country, and Craighleith Hospital was largely staffed from their school. The school is to be greatly congratulated on such a fine record of national service, especially as we hear Scottish nurses are in great demand by those who have had experience of their sterling qualities and practical skill.

Miss Ethel Gray and the New Zealand Sisters, who have had an insight into English methods of military nursing at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, are now in residence at the Convalescent Home, Harefield Park, near Uxbridge, where, no doubt, sick and wounded soldiers of the Empire will benefit greatly by their skilled services.

The British Consul at Rouen has kindly placed his tennis courts at the disposal of the nurses of the No. 2 British Red Cross Hospital, but owing to the lack of tennis balls and racquets the nurses are debarred from availing themselves of this well-earned and necessary relaxation. Mr. R. Reece, of Bunda, Wellington Road, Parkstone, Bournemouth, will be glad to receive racquets to send to Rouen. To keep in health nurses on active service greatly need healthy outdoor recreation, and we have no doubt the need for racquets only need to be known to be supplied.

We know of a voluntary hospital in France, kept up by public subscriptions in England, the nursing staff of which consisted of an uncertificated nurse, a V.A.D. worker, and a *gouverness*,

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