

The Cretan Wounded Nursing Fund.

As we went to press last week one hour after the volunteer corps of nurses left London for Athens, we were unable to describe in detail the enthusiastic "send off" which was accorded to Mrs. Chant and the nurses. Lady Henry Somerset came in person to wish them all good-bye, and presented a lovely bouquet of white roses to Mrs. Ormiston Chant, and Miss Miriam Ridley brought gifts of a monster box of chocolates and biscuits, by way of "stopping gaps" on the journey. Upon the arrival of the party on the *Calais-Douvre* at Dover, a deputation of the Dover Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association presented Mrs. Chant with another bouquet of lovely spring flowers, and the following address was read before the boat started, amidst hearty cheering from the crowd of spectators who had assembled on the quay:—

TO MRS. ORMISTON CHANT AND HER STAFF
OF NURSES.

YOUR sisters of the British Women's Temperance Association in Dover, wish to offer you, and those who accompany you, their heartiest sympathies, and most cordial good wishes, in the noble work in which you are about to engage on the desolated shores of Crete. We are glad to think, that while the recent deeds of Englishmen have damaged our country's reputation in the eyes of the Cretan Christians, Englishwomen will now do their utmost to retrieve her character of mercy. We are proud to know that in any errand of mercy Englishwomen are always to the fore. We shall think of and pray for you in the difficult and dangerous circumstances in which your work will be found, and we trust that God's blessing may rest upon your practical exposition of Christianity to both Christian and Mohammedan. We also trust that you may all be spared to return to English shores, when we hope that we may have the pleasure and privilege of offering you our greetings.

Signed on behalf of the Dover Branch, B.W.T.A.
HESTER ATKINS, President.
LOUIE CHAPPEL, Hon. Secretary.
HARRIET DOWLE, Hon. Treasurer.

April 8th, 1897.

The surgical stores and appliances which it was requested should be taken by Mrs. Chant, were procured from Messrs. Maw, Son and Thompson, of Aldergate Street, E.C.

As we go to press we are expecting news of the safe arrival in Athens of our pioneer volunteer corps.

Legal Matters.

BREAY v. BROWNE.

IT has afforded us great pleasure to learn that the whole amount of the legal expenses incurred by Miss Margaret Breay in defending the rights of the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association against the action of the Vice-Chairman, Sir James Crichton-Browne, in preventing her proposing a resolution on the agenda at the annual meeting, July, 1896, and which she has since proved was in order according to the Bye-Laws in force, has been entirely defrayed by the subscriptions of her fellow members in response to our appeal in the NURSING RECORD. No more forcible evidence of sympathy with Miss Breay's courageous conduct could have been evinced, nor a more practical proof that the members do not intend to submit to gross injustice without a protest. This ready response may have something to do with the fact, that there are upwards of 800 members of the Association, in arrears with their annual subscriptions.

WE learn that Miss Margaret Breay has applied to the High Courts of Justice for an injunction to restrain the Honorary Officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association from using the funds of the Association to pay the legal expenses of Miss de Pledge in an action for libel brought against her by Dr. Bedford Fenwick. We are informed that Miss Breay is of opinion that the funds of the Association cannot, with justice, be used to defend one member against another, as they have been used in the past. Miss Breay and many other members of the Association consider that those who approve of the conduct of Miss de Pledge should, if they desire to do so, contribute and pay her legal expenses; but that the money of those members who disapprove should not be used for the purpose, at the discretion of the Hon. Officers, as it is believed that they have no such power of disposing of the members' monies, under the Royal Charter.

TIERNEY v. COMMITTEE OF MATERNITY HOSPITAL, BELFAST.

THIS action was tried before His Honour, the Recorder of Belfast, and was brought by Grace Tierney, a trained nurse holding the certificate of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, against the Committee of the Belfast Maternity Hospital, to recover £50 damages for alleged wrongful dis-

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