

We have been greatly interested by the numbers of English medical students who have volunteered for service as dressers at the seat of war, and hope that the National Fund will enable some of these generous young gentlemen to place themselves at the disposal of the Greek Army. We hear medical men are greatly needed. The first consignment of clothing for the Greek soldiers, many of whom are now homeless and destitute, was despatched from London on Friday morning. Messrs. Garrould, of Edgware Road, arranged the departure of the goods, at a few hours' notice. The goods which we ordered comprise 576 men's flannel shirts, 576 men's flannel night-shirts, 288 pairs cotton pants, 288 men's merino pants, 288 men's merino vests and 500 blankets.

To British Women.

THE Executive Committee of the National Greek Ambulance Fund, will be most grateful for gifts of clothing. Shirts (thin flannel and flannelette), night shirts, vests, pants, socks, sheets, blankets, and old linen. Antiseptic dressings, and surgical stores of all descriptions are urgently needed, as the commissariat of the Greek Army is most defective. All these articles should be sent to a depôt, which will be duly announced in the *Daily Chronicle* as early as possible, so that they may be properly packed before May 5th. Our readers will see that the matter is urgent, and we hope that each reader of the NURSING RECORD will despatch, before that day, some contribution towards this clothing fund.

Away from Home.

BOURNEMOUTH is now so universally known, and used as a health resort by invalids, that caterers for the public well-being, combine to render the arrangements for their comfort as complete as possible.

The journey from London to Bournemouth can now be accomplished in two and a half hours in one of the comfortable carriages of the London and South Western Railway, and every attention is paid by the officials to invalids so travelling. Nurses who accompany their patients to this popular seaside town will find that they are able to procure from Mr. Bridge, the leading chemist in the town, everything they can need in the way of nursing appliances.

Mr. Bridge has been established in Bournemouth for many years, and has the largest and most complete business in the town. Experience has evidently taught him the special requirements of invalids away from home, and everything, from air cushions in special shapes, to every variety of surgical instrument, may be procured from him. The Victoria Hospital, though quite at the other end of Bournemouth, on the West Cliff, is supplied in many departments by Mr. Bridge.

Mr. Bridge has still further proved himself to be thoroughly up-to-date in nursing matters by arranging to have always on sale copies of the NURSING RECORD. By this means, we hope every nurse in and around Bournemouth will be able to obtain it without difficulty, and thus the frequent complaints which we have received from them, that they cannot get it, will be obviated.

The Canadian Commemoration of Queen Victoria.

WE published a letter some weeks ago from the Countess of Aberdeen, the wife of the present Governor-General of Canada, in which she made an appeal to the people of Canada to commemorate the Queen's long and glorious reign by the institution of a "Victorian Order of Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor all over the Dominion"—somewhat on the lines of the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. In taking the initiative in such a popular movement, Lady Aberdeen has proved once more her interest in good works, and she has accepted the position of President to the new organisation.

The announcement issued by the Provisional Committee contains the following passages:—

"Hospitals all over the country are doing splendid work; but they are crowded to the doors, and have not funds enough to pay for new furniture, let alone new buildings. Men and women are giving of their best—their time, their thought, their money—to these hospitals. These hospitals require more money for the training of nurses. Part of the funds raised might be expended in helping hospitals to train more nurses, and part might be used in engaging the immediate services of trained nurses who would volunteer to labour on salaries in needy districts in the country and the cities. This scheme for providing nurses will not displace physicians in the districts where they labour; but it will furnish the means of securing the best results from the skill and advice of medical men. It is not enough that we have the services of physicians, even in the cities. In cases of serious illness their services must be supplemented and followed up by the ministrations of trained and skilful nurses.

The urgent need that exists in the outlying districts of all the provinces and in all the cities of the Dominion for thoroughly trained, practical women available as nurses to those who are not rich, seems to be admitted by everybody; and there appears to be an almost unanimous opinion that no better national scheme could be devised for commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Victoria than the establishment on a permanent basis of a Victorian Order of Nurses. The ideals and spirit of the women in the homes of a new settlement in a new country affect the lives, the habits, the aspirations, and the principles of the people there for several generations to follow. A despondent mother numbs the courage and energies of her boys and girls. The unspoken fear of approaching the gate that swings both ways—into new life or into death—without competent skilled help has clouded many a life and home. Nothing that can be done to lift

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