

no money to send to the fund, and I feel this is the only thing I can do to assist this work."

We feel sure that the nurses would gladly welcome such a willing helper, but unfortunately we are unable to accept his offer, as we are only authorised to send out nurses who have received three years' hospital training.

The address of the temporary warehouse opened by the *Daily Chronicle* National Fund for the Greek Wounded is 5, Bridewell Place, New Bridge Street, London, E.C. Clothes, old linen, bandages, &c., may be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Fund at this address, and will be gratefully received. The contents of parcels should be plainly marked on the outside, as well as the approximate value.

Large amounts of surgical stores and medical comforts have been despatched, overland, to Greece, and still larger consignments are leaving this week by steamer. Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome not only carefully selected for us concentrated antiseptics and drugs, but with great generosity gave a special donation of £10 towards their cost. Messrs. Cadbury gave a large case of their cocoa preparations at very considerably less than half its cost price. Messrs. Maw, Son, and Thompson, and Messrs. Down Brothers, gave invaluable aid in selecting instruments, and exhibited equal generosity in greatly reducing the cost of these to the Fund. Messrs. Debenham and Freebody not only took endless trouble to provide the uniforms at the shortest possible notice, but gave a large donation also. In fact, it is impossible to name all the instances of generosity and kindly interest, which have been bestowed upon the movement.

Dr. Dillon, writing in the *Fortnightly* on "Crete and the Cretans," says:—

"I lately spoke with a woman who, for several days and nights, stood silent, and heartbroken, over the writhing form of her wounded son—a magnificent type of man, who had been struck by a fragment of a European bomb, and whose life was fast ebbing away. When he closed his eyes for the last time, and the army doctor said, 'Your son is dead; he is a hero,' the woman replied, 'It was for that I brought him into the world.'"

Appointment.

MISS MARTHA CASH has been appointed matron of the Essex and Chelmsford Infirmary. Miss Cash was trained at the Halifax Infirmary, and for the past three years has been Sister of the Stockport Infirmary, which she leaves with the hearty wishes of all for her future success. Miss Cash holds high testimonials.

The Brooklyn Associated Alumnæ and the Organisation of its Registry.*

BY ISABEL MERRITT.

THE object of this paper is briefly to give an account of the work thus far accomplished in the direction of an associated alumnæ of trained nurses in the City of Brooklyn.

So far as I have been able to gather, this is the first attempt on the part of graduate nurses to organise on these lines, and though this association is as yet in its infancy, it has already shown great possibilities, and if (and this is a very large if) the nurses can be made fully to realise what organisation means, that each step in this direction is educative, and bound to do much toward developing and strengthening the profession, one of the difficult tasks will have been accomplished.

Not very long ago one of the advanced women of the profession made the startling but true statement that "it was time nurses began to manage their own registry affairs. That nurses' registries should be managed by the graduates themselves." This was startling, because those words brought home to us all very suddenly the fact that we were not running our own registries, and were permitting others quite outside of the profession to do it for us. This condition of affairs seems strange indeed when we realise, as we are constantly compelled to, that the graduate nurse is an independent woman, and should be capable of maintaining that independence in every respect.

Last year a very able paper was read by Miss Darche, giving various methods of organising nurses' registries.

Therefore, when, in the spring of 1896, the periodical waves of discontent swept over some of the graduates in the city, and they decided to form some kind of an association which would include all graduates in good standing, resident in Brooklyn, from which association would eventually spring a central registry, it occurred to me this would be a good opportunity to introduce the idea of an associated alumnæ.

The first step, taken in this direction, was in the way of a mass meeting held May 15, 1896, for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the minds of the graduates in regard to organisation. Between two and three hundred were present, and a vote for and against organisation was taken. An overwhelming majority in favour of

* Paper read at Superintendents' Convention, Baltimore, February 10th, 1897.

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