

The National Greek Ambulance Fund.

THE news which comes from the seat of war is but scanty, but that which reaches us from time to time proves that the British nurses are doing their duty in a way which is a credit to their profession and to their nationality. After the battle of Velestino we are told that hospital nurses, both Greek and British, behaved heroically, standing by the wounded men when ambulances were not forthcoming.

Four more nurses left Charing Cross for Athens on Wednesday morning, in response to a telegram from Mr. Abbott requisitioning them. They are Miss Alice Mary Winder, trained and certificated at the London Hospital, late night superintendent at the General Infirmary, Bedford; Miss Jessie S. Parson, trained and certificated at King's College Hospital; Miss Margaret Moody, trained and certificated at the London Hospital, late night superintendent at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich; and Miss Kathleen Waller, trained and certificated at University College Hospital.

Two more medical men, Mr. Henry J. Davis and Mr. R. Fox-Symons, have also left for Athens at Mr. Abbott's request. A hospital has been opened at Chalcis, a town about half-way between Athens and Volo. All steamers from the front are obliged to pass the Bridge of Chalcis, and the commanders of these vessels now have orders to discharge their wounded there. Mr. Abbott is organising the arrangements, and will be shortly joined by Mr. Moffatt, who is taking down the wounded from Domoko.

A building suitable for a hospital has been secured in a healthy position above the town. Fifty beds are already available, and fifty more will be ready in a few days. Three English nurses are now on duty in the hospital, and more are expected. It is evident that three nurses in a hospital of fifty beds, where all the cases are acute, will find plenty to occupy them. As soon as their condition allows it, the wounded in this hospital will be passed on to the base hospital at Athens, which is now being organised by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, to make room for fresh arrivals.

Now that the Powers have decided to intervene between Greece and Turkey, it may be hoped that the number of fresh admissions to this frontier hospital will be a diminishing quantity, but, in any case, those who are at the present moment sick and wounded must afford plenty of work for some time to come, and this is evidently Mrs. Fenwick's view, as more nurses have been requisitioned.

Letters have been received from Miss Gertrude Johnston and Miss Kate Walker, who, it will be remembered, were of the last party of nurses who went out. They had arrived at Athens,

and been most kindly received by the Crown Princess. Nurse Johnston and Nurse Hill expected to go to the military hospital in Athens. The final destination of the others was uncertain, but it was probable that some of them would leave for Volo, and others were sent to Larissa.

At home the interest in the National Fund is well sustained. The list of subscriptions in the *Daily Chronicle* swells daily, and has now reached the sum of £8,500.

Gifts in kind, and clothing continue to be received, and we hear of working parties being organised to make much-needed garments.

At St. Alban's, Holborn, last Sunday afternoon, the Rev. E. F. Russell, preaching upon Our Lord's commission to St. Peter to show his love for Himself, as the Good Shepherd, by caring for the sheep of the flock, said that at present there was an opportunity for his hearers to care for some of the sheep who were in need. Others might settle the right and wrong of the Græco-Turkish question, but meanwhile let them be practical. The wounded Greeks were in need of clothing. Let them show their love to the Master, through them, by making and sending to them the necessary garments. He invited those who would undertake to work, to attend at the work-room on Tuesday evening, when they would find garments cut out, and ready prepared for making, and the collection that afternoon would be devoted to buying the necessary material. We hope that many other working parties may be established on the same lines.

We understand that one hundred beds and a complete equipment for a hospital of this size have been despatched from Paris to Athens for the use of the Greek wounded, under the care of Dr. Shocas. The cost of the expedition is defrayed by the Greek colony in Paris, assisted by French sympathisers.

Nursing in the Turkish Lines.

THE English Red Cross Society has offered help, which has been accepted, to the Porte. The Porte has left it to the discretion of the Society to send either medical aid or money.

The Czar has informed the Sultan of the despatch of an ambulance, with surgeons, nurses, 500 beds, and all requisites for the Turkish wounded.

The Turks have organised a very efficient ambulance service at Larissa, having availed themselves of large quantities of medical stores and appliances which were left behind by the Greeks. Their hospital arrangements also are said to be excellent, and English and French doctors have arrived at the frontier from Con-

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