

efficient staff of doctors and lady nurses, as well as male attendants, under Dr. Osborn, who is indefatigable in his desires (along with the staff) to secure a maximum of happiness with a minimum of pain. In conclusion, you find each patient liberally supplied with pens, ink, paper and even stamps, as well as journals of every kind, and you envy the lot of those who occupy the beds in the wards of the British Hospital.

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“Athens, May 11th.

“I cannot write much as we are so very busy. I have been to Lamia, which at the time was about three miles from the front; the wounded were brought there and sent back to Athens by boat. I came back on a Greek ship, with two Greek doctors, our own English doctor, three Greek ladies, and another English nurse, with 145 wounded. We had a very busy time. The work was really splendid, and we spent the whole time on our way back to Athens doing dressings; the poor Greeks were so patient and so grateful. Besides wounded, we had several pneumonias on board too. In going to Lamia we had to land at a small port called Stelido; here the place was full of fugitives, and driving up to Lamia we met family after family with their household goods, flying from the Turks, and were told that they were expected in the morning (this was Friday). There was not a room to be had until the Mayor at last found one. The other nurse and I slept in this, and the doctor slept on the floor outside the door, as he was afraid to leave us alone, the town being in an uproar. We left in the Greek boat the following day. Now I am working in a hospital under Dr. Osborn; the Queen lent the house, but when the first patient was admitted there was not one bed in the house. Now things are better, although there is still a great deal to be done. We can take in eighteen patients at present; we have two English (one Captain Birch), two Irish, and the rest Greeks. I did not realise it would be quite so difficult to nurse them, not knowing the language, but they are very good patients. Several Greek ladies have offered to come and interpret for us, so that helps a good deal. The Greeks cannot bear to be washed, so we have to do things by degrees. There are four English nurses here, the rest are in the other hospitals in Athens. To-day, the Queen, Crown Princess, Princess Maria, and other Royalties came to visit the hospital. They were so nice to the patients, and were so pleased with them. The hospital is in a lovely position, looking right on to the sea. We have not had time to get out at all at present, but we keep all the windows

open and get all the sea breezes. Some of the nurses have had most exciting times, but I must not stop to write more now. We get very little reliable news of the war here, but the general opinion is that it has not ended yet.”

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“Athens, May 18th.

“It is beginning to get very hot now during the day, but one only feels the great heat when walking out of doors in the day; the nights are quite cold, and this house is so well built, and the rooms so lofty, that we do not seem to feel the heat much indoors, and, besides, we have the sea breezes blowing in, on two sides of the house. The house is one of the Queen's palaces, although I do not think it has ever been used by her, and is built on a small point jutting out into the sea. Last night, four more nurses arrived from England. One is going to manage the housekeeping here, and another is coming for night duty. Not knowing the language makes the work doubly hard. I have one ward with six patients, and another with five; three are very bad. One poor man had a bullet which entered through his ear, and took away the greater part of the palate and most of his front teeth, fracturing the upper jaw. I hope he will get better, but he is very bad; you cannot see the shape of his face at all. Another has a bullet wound, the bullet passed right through his thigh. He was in a fearful state when he came in, it had been neglected for three days. The other bad one has had the whole of his heel shot off. It takes some time to get through all the dressings, then every question you ask the patient, or the patient asks you, has to go through an interpreter, and it takes up so much time. It is quite different to nursing English patients. They were most amused at first when we went to wash them, and some of them said they did not go to war to be made clean, but to fight. They are so funny in trying to learn English. One man comes up to me every morning and says, “I'm Englishman.” Then I try to say something he can understand, but when he cannot, he says “I'm no English.” You would be amused at the way they take off their counterpanes, fold them round them, and walk round the ward as soon as our backs are turned.”

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As we go to press we have received a further letter from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, which will be found in another column.

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The *Daily Chronicle* Fund amounted to about £9,300 on Wednesday, and its Editor appealed for £700 to enable him to close the Fund this week. In any case it has been a deservedly great success.

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