

delight, and woe betide the bed-maker who places those sheets so that this honoured mark is not exposed to view!

Sister Farnsworth is full of sympathy for these dark-eyed, sad-faced men, and it is wonderful how they respond to her cheerful presence—kindly sympathetic glances are a language which require no addition of words.

At Patras, a hospital is now prepared by Greek doctors for the reception of the wounded still at Karavassara, and at the end of this week our three sisters are to be transported with their patients to Patras. The Greek physicians and surgeons are most kind in their praise of our English sisters, and one remarked "I would rather leave the patients than have the English sisters removed; their work is wonderful."

And here a word in connection with medical science in Greece. From all sides praise is forthcoming for the splendid scientific methods of the Greek surgeons. Their antiseptic precautions are most perfect, and the result of their work has been most successful, but according to our English ideas their system is imperfect because the "case" and not the patient is treated. Trained nursing, as we understand it in England, does not exist in this country, and that is what I hope these men of science will recognise after the war. But after all, why expect impossibilities? The habits and customs of centuries cannot be changed in a flash! It is unreasonable. Greek women must have another generation to become accustomed to the light, and Greek men to grasp the truth that a nation can only develop on the best lines, where the sexes go forward together hand in hand, each performing their own special work unfettered.

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

Appointments.

MISS AMY HUGHES has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Co-operation, 8, New Cavendish Street. Miss Hughes was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and afterwards joined the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association, being Superintendent, first of the Home of the Association at Chelsea, and afterwards of the headquarters in Bloomsbury Square. For the last two years, Miss Hughes has held the appointment of Superintendent of Nurses at the Bolton Union Workhouse Hospital.

MISS HELEN BUTLER-BROWNE has been appointed Matron of the Plymouth Borough Hospital for Infectious Diseases. Miss Butler-Browne received her training at the Birkenhead Borough Hospital, and has recently acted as night-superintendent at Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool.

Superintendents' Convention, Baltimore.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE DIRECTION OF A UNIFORM CURRICULUM.

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SCHOOLS OF THE THIRD CLASS.

INCLUDED under this head are reports from twelve schools all connected with hospitals having less than seventy-five beds. The largest hospital has 70 beds; the smallest 30. The largest school has 22 pupils to 60 beds; or one nurse to 2½ patients; the smallest has 5 pupils to 30 beds or one nurse to 6 patients.

Length of Course of Instruction.—The largest school gives a three years' course of instruction, all the others give two years.

Practical Work.—All of these schools give experience in medical, surgical, and gynæcological nursing. One school allows for medical nursing, 12 months; surgical, 9 months; children's ward, 8 months; private wards, 9 months; practical experience in housekeeping, 3 months.

In seven schools having 24 working months, one allows 8 months for medical nursing; four allow 6 months; one, 5; one, 4; for surgical nursing, two allow 8 months; three, 6; one, 5; one, 4; for gynæcological nursing two allow 6 months; one, 5; one, 4; two, 3; one, 2; eight out of these twelve schools teach obstetrics practically; two afford experience in private wards in hospitals; one gives experience in the nursing of contagious diseases and practical instruction in cooking for the sick. Only one school affords practical experience in all these branches and, besides requiring the whole time of instruction to be spent in the hospital, conducts a registry for its graduates under the school management. Another school includes district nursing in the course of two years; and five make a special point of sending pupils out on private duty.

School Curriculum.—In eight schools instruction is given in class and lecture. The teaching beginning in September or October, and ending in May or June, one term of from thirty to forty weeks.

Class Instruction.—In seven schools one lesson each week is given in anatomy and physiology, materia medica and nursing, throughout the school year. One school omits materia medica, but the other two subjects are taught. Four schools have to send a report on this point.

Classes.—Seven schools divide the number of pupils into juniors and seniors. In a school of seven pupils this seems hardly possible.

Admission of Pupils.—Five schools admit pupils in the spring and fall; six, when a vacancy occurs, and one takes them in every two months; eleven schools arrange for vacations during the summer months and one at any time.

Lecture Course.—Each of the twelve schools provide for a course of lectures delivered by medical men, taking in all general subjects. All are given gratuitously, two arrange a separate course for juniors and

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