

The National Greek Ambulance Fund.

THOSE of our readers, who have kept themselves informed as to the work done by the staff of the *Daily Chronicle* National Fund for the Greek Wounded, in the recent Græco-Turkish war, will welcome the further details, as to the disposal of the property of the Fund, now that its work is at an end, which have recently been published.

The *Daily Chronicle* says:

"As our readers have been from time to time informed, thanks to the skill of our Medical Staff, the devotion of our nurses, and the help of friends in Athens, notably M. S. N. Coclas, the work of mercy which we inaugurated on our readers' behalf has been attended with the utmost success. From all the members of the Greek Royal Family, from the Greek Government, and from every hospital, military and civil, in Greece, we have received and published the warmest thanks. We are happy to say that, the war having been opportunely stayed, and the Fund economically administered, we find ourselves in possession of a cash balance which will probably slightly exceed £3,500."

A meeting of the Committee was held last week, when it was decided to ask H.M. the King of the Hellenes, in the name of the Committee, and of the Editor of the *Daily Chronicle*, if His Majesty would receive this balance, and use it on behalf of the families of the dead and wounded, in such a manner as appeared best to him. Mr. Henry Norman, the hon. sec., accordingly telegraphed to His Majesty to this effect, and received the following reply:—

"With sincere thanks I will receive the remainder of your Greek Wounded Fund.

Please give my warmest and heartiest thanks to the Committee and the Editor of the *Daily Chronicle*, not only in my name but also in the name of all these poor families.
GEORGE."

Our readers will, we are sure, agree with the *Daily Chronicle* in its belief that the money could not be used to better purpose.

The X-ray apparatus will be presented to the University of Athens, at the earnest request of the authorities, and the hospital equipment, the remaining stores, and the surgical apparatus will be handed over to Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Greece, who with characteristic energy is now directing her efforts to placing the organisation of the new military hospital upon a satisfactory basis. The best thanks of all those who are concerned in the work of the Fund, are due to the Editor of the *Daily Chronicle*, and to Mr. Henry Norman, hon. sec., for the able manner in which they have carried out the arduous work, which the organisation of this most successful and now historic Fund has entailed.

Nursing Echoes.

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THERE is frequent rejoicing at the London Hospital on the part of the nurses at their good fortune in possessing for their chairman the Hon. Sydney Holland—and no wonder! Mr. Holland, whose care for the nurses, in the institutions of which he is chairman, is proverbial, has chartered a steambot on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, which conveys fifteen

nurses at each trip, from the London Hospital, down the river. A pleasanter way of getting rid of the cobwebs could scarcely be devised, and we have no doubt that the patients, as well as the nurses, benefit from this kindly act of their chairman. Mr. Holland has also succeeded in obtaining for the nurses of this hospital substantial reductions upon the ordinary omnibus fares on the neighbouring routes.

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THE Duke of Westminster, Sir J. Wolfe Barry, Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., Mr. F. Rose, and Colonel T. Davies Sewell have undertaken to act as trustees to the fund which has been raised in Westminster for buying a freehold home for nurses in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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AT a recent meeting of the Holsworthy Guardians, presided over by Mr. James Higgs, J.P., the Clerk drew the attention of the Committee to the new regulation of the Local Government Board, which is to come into force after September 29th, that no pauper shall be employed to perform the duties of a nurse. The Chairman is reported to have said that "ever since he had been on the Board they had received continual threats of that kind from the Local Government Board. They had, however avoided taking such a step, and had gone on much better than most houses that were about on a par with their own, and where they had a paid staff." It appears that the nursing in this Workhouse is "done by trustworthy inmates," under the supervision of the matron. It would seem that the complete satisfaction of the Chairman is not shared by the Inspector of the Local Government Board, as more than one Guardian drew attention to the fact that this

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