

thanks for the consideration and care which characterized all the arrangements made for us while working under the Fund. We are grateful that, owing to your able initiative, and to the excellent organization achieved through your valuable paper, we were enabled to carry out our desire to render help to the Greek nation in the recent crisis; and we desire to express our sense of our indebtedness to our senior officers, and to the English and Athenian Committees of the *Daily Chronicle* National Fund.—We are, yours faithfully,

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FROM the official report of the work of the *Daily Chronicle* National Fund in Greece, presented by the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Francis Abbott, which has lately appeared in the *Daily Chronicle*, we are glad to notice the following remarks concerning the work of the nurses. Having specified the positions to which the nurses were appointed, Dr. Abbott reports, under the heading of "Scientific Nursing":—

"How many wounded this large staff looked after during the war it is really impossible exactly to estimate, but at any one time when all were in full work there were at least five to six hundred patients wholly, or in part, under the care of the English nurses sent out by the Fund. The amount of good thus done directly was of course very large, but larger still we believe will prove the ultimate benefit from the introduction of scientific nursing methods among the Greek hospitals.

"It is not easy to realize the difficulties experienced by some of these ladies, suddenly placed in fresh surroundings, in charge of fifty serious cases of a different nationality to their own. To help them they had only orderlies, who spoke no tongue but Greek, and to guide them the orders of doctors whose methods, although in principle the same, naturally differed in points of detail at every turn from what they were accustomed to. The hearty co-operation established in these circumstances between the Greek doctors and the English nurses reflects the highest credit on the tact of both, while the change effected in these wards, after even a few days of work, and to which we can personally testify, is the best proof of their success.

"The efficient organization, and arrangements for the comfort of this large band of workers, were largely the work of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who spent nearly six weeks in Greece in May and June superintending the nursing arrangements on the spot."

We also can testify to the very harmonious relations which existed between the medical and nursing staffs of the Fund, and the extreme kindness

of the Greek doctors to our nurses. Their warm appreciation of "scientific nursing" was indeed a sincere satisfaction to all concerned, and a most hopeful augury for the future development of trained nursing in Greece.

MISS HENRIETTA HAWKINS, who until recently has held the position of ward sister at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, has been presented with a silver-mounted purse, engraved with her name and the date of the presentation, and containing £28. Those who have subscribed to the gift are members of the past and present visiting and resident staffs, the chaplains past and present, and some of the nursing staff. The nursing staff have also presented Miss Hawkins with a gold bangle.

"Is it usual to put the patients into other people's soiled sheets in hospitals?" we were gravely asked the other day. We should say not, and we should have imagined before the question was asked us that it was unknown. We were assured, however, that a lady was recently admitted into a hospital, the name of which was not told us, and she found the custom distinctly trying. We should imagine so! She also took exception to her food being kept in the same locker as her clothes, as, for instance, fish which she left at dinner being kept in her locker for her supper. Otherwise, we were told, she was very happy in the hospital, and even after a time got used to the "hospital ways" which we have mentioned. We assured the inquirer that these were not hospital ways, and tried to extract from her the name of the hospital which permitted them, but in vain.

THE new wing of the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary and County Hospital, of which the foundation stone was laid on Monday last by Princess Beatrice, is to be built as a memorial of the Diamond Jubilee. The local subscription fund amounts to £6300.

THE system of nursing inaugurated some years ago by the Countess of Winchilsea, in Lincolnshire, is spreading to other counties. A similar association to that of Lincolnshire was founded in Northumberland at the beginning of the present year, under the presidency of the Countess Percy; and recently an influential meeting was held in Carlisle, at which the chair was taken by the Countess of Lonsdale, with a view to forming a Cumberland Association to commemorate the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

In an address delivered before the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association by Dr. A. S. Myrtle, and printed in the *Scalpel*, we regret again to note an expression of opinion concerning

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