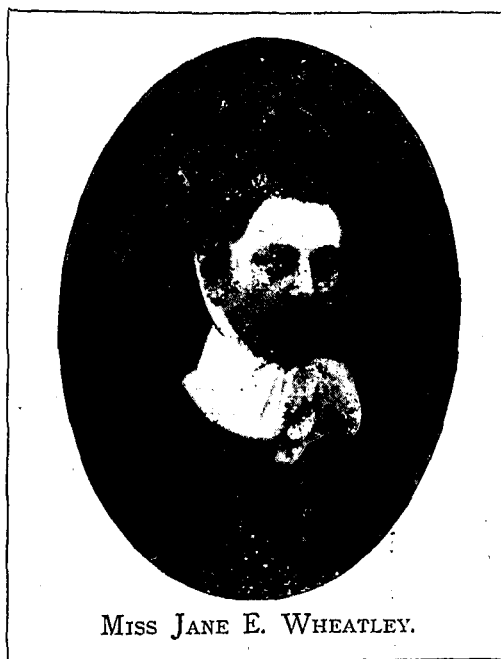


Miss HARRIET J. HORNE, Karachi.
 Sister HERIBERTA, Karachi.
 Mrs. DYSON, Surat.

THIS is, we believe, the first time that the New Year's Honours list has included the names of women, and we regard the fact as a most auspicious one. The work done by both medical men and nurses in India during the plague epidemic has been both onerous and dangerous, and that this work has received the recognition and approval of the Queen, will, we feel sure, give universal satisfaction. Both medical men and nurses underwent grave risks in the discharge of their duty, and several have given their lives in this service of humanity.

At the invitation of the Queen of Greece, eighty Greek ladies and nurses who served in the Red Cross Hospitals during the Turco-Greek War, assembled at the Palace at Athens on Sunday afternoon, when a touching speech was delivered by her Majesty. Queen Olga expressed her belief that the hour of reparation for a country's sorrows must inevitably come when the women of a nation sacrificed themselves in the august name of their country, and in the faith of noble sentiments and a lofty ideal. The Queen then conferred a commemorative cross, bearing the date 1897, first upon her daughter, Princess Marie, and the Crown Princess, and afterwards upon the others present, embracing each of them in turn.



MISS JANE E. WHEATLEY.



MISS MARION HALE.

A service quite as noble, and in many ways more trying than that given in war. We have pleasure in publishing the portraits of three of the nurses whose exertions have been recognized.

We are hopeful that this public recognition by the Queen of the work done by nurses is an earnest that in the future women in all branches of work will be similarly honoured. Women at the present time share largely with men the public work of the world, but, so far, their labours for the general good have received but scant reward. That they do not work with this end in view we know; still it would seem only just that their services, no less than those of men, should receive recognition.

Mlle. Grevy thanked the Queen on behalf of the nurses, and said that the women of Greece had been happy to serve under her orders, the cause of their Country and of Humanity.

Those who were privileged to help the Greek Nation in their hour of need, and who witnessed the devotion of the Greek women, as they ministered to the sick and wounded, will rejoice that their national services have been recognised and publicly acknowledged by the Queen. The self sacrificing devotion of the women of all nations in times of war, and the splendid manner in which they perform their duty, form the best plea for wider scope in public affairs being granted them in time of peace.

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