

was the thought which prompted their summons to Greece.

"I have the honour to remain, Madam, your Highness' most obedient and very humble servant,

"(Signed) TH. KAMBANIS."

### An Open Door.

At the last meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board a resolution was moved and seconded recommending an appeal to the Home Secretary on behalf of Mary Ansell. Ultimately, however, the "previous question" was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman. It will be remembered that Mary Ansell was found guilty of having poisoned her sister, an inmate of the Leavesden Asylum, by mixing poison with cake sent to her through the post. Our contemporary, the *Daily Mail*, strongly advocated the reprieve of Mary Ansell, on the ground that she was a mental degenerate, but the Home Secretary saw no reason to commute the death sentence, and the execution took place.

But the plea of irresponsibility on the part of mental degenerates emphasises a point which we desire to bring forward. We should like to ask the Metropolitan Asylums Board whether or not it is a fact that until recently some of the inmates of the Leavesden Asylum have been employed in nursing, or helping to nurse those of their number who required nursing attention, and whether or not these inmates have also been employed in the kitchen. Because, if mental degenerates are not responsible for their actions, and it is generally conceded that this is so, then it must be, in the highest degree, dangerous to employ them in any capacity in which they have the opportunity of access to food and drink supplied to patients, and it is only surprising that cases of poisoning have not occurred, not necessarily from any malice or ill-will, but from irresponsible action on the part of these persons. We are informed that so many of the patients at the Leavesden Asylum have recently been suffering from an internal complaint of obscure origin, of which some have also died, that not only have reinforcements of nurses working under the Board been sent down there, but a number of other nurses are at present employed in nursing the sick. We understand that the disease was originally supposed to be enteric fever, but that ultimately it was thought to be a form of peritonitis.

We think that it is desirable that the Metropolitan Asylums Board should publicly state that the inmates of the Leavesden Asylum are employed neither as nurses of the sick, nor as cooks or kitchen maids.

### Marriage Bells.

THE marriage took place, on Tuesday, at St. Saviour's, Pimlico, of Mr. Howard Marsh, F.R.C.S., a member of the visiting staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Miss Violet Susan Dalrymple-Hay, the youngest daughter of Admiral Sir John Dalrymple-Hay, and who, until lately, held the position of Sister of Abernethy Ward at "Bart's." Mr. Marsh is a very general favourite, owing to his courtesy and kindness, and he and his bride will be the recipients of many sincere wishes for their happiness from numerous hospital friends.

### Appointments.

#### MATRON.

MISS F. M. PHILLIPS has been appointed Matron of the Grosvenor Hospital, Vincent Square. She received her training at the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, and the Westminster Hospital, in both of which institutions she has since held appointments.

MISS E. THOMPSON has been appointed Matron of the Homœopathic Hospital, and Private Nursing Home, Lansdown Grove, Bath. Miss Thompson was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, Night Superintendent at the Paddington Infirmary, and Assistant Matron at the Homœopathic Hospital, Bath.

MISS A. T. WIGINTON has been appointed Matron of the Johnson Hospital, Spalding. Miss Wiginton was trained at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, at Plymouth. She held for four years the appointment of Matron at the Yate Hospital, Sherborne, and afterwards worked at the Chelsea Hospital for Women. At the present time Miss Wiginton is in charge of a medical and surgical home for private patients.

#### ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS K. E. NISBET, recently second Assistant Matron, has been appointed first Assistant Matron at the East Dulwich Infirmary. Miss Nisbet was trained at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and at King's College Hospital, and during the late Græco-Turkish War had charge of the English Hospital at Chalcis, maintained by the *Daily Chronicle* National Fund for the Greek Wounded. She holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

#### SISTER.

MISS ETHEL M. HARRISON has been appointed Sister at the Hospital, Great Yarmouth. Miss Harrison was trained at the General Infirmary, Northampton, in which institution she subsequently held the position of Charge Nurse.

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