

An Appeal.

BY M. A. TURTON.

"You will have great difficulty, I fear, in finding a Matron for your hospital."

"Garibaldians never admit difficulties. We certainly shall find one; and we believe you will help us do so."

The only possible answer to such conviction was to offer to make known to the English nursing world their need. And to that intent I enclose a brief notice, and add a few of the details that were given me by Generale and Signora Ricciotti Garibaldi.

The 4th of July, 1907, will be the centenary of the birth of the great Garibaldi. One of his daughters-in-law, the wife of Generale Ricciotti, and an Englishwoman, made the practical suggestion that, instead of raising more statues or memorial stones, a hospital for the benefit of the sick in his birthplace, Caprera, should be erected in the neighbouring island (connected by a bridge), at the seaport Maddalena, where hitherto only a military hospital exists. The population is over 3,000, and the idea was received with the utmost enthusiasm by rich and poor, lay and religious alike. The site has been found, and on the 4th July the foundation stone will be laid. The ladies of Maddalena formed themselves into a Committee. The poor began to collect even sous as subscriptions, whilst many labourers have promised four days' work as their gift directly the building is commenced.

"My wife, being English, is too practical to wait," interposed the Generale, "till the little hospital shall be finished. Her intention is to commence as speedily as possible to nurse the poor, by renting a small flat and putting a few beds in charge of a 'directrice.'"

"The idea is excellent, as buildings are invariably slow beyond prognostication. But," and I repeated my opening phrase, "you will find it difficult to get the right woman as Matron."

Again, the very question of difficulty was ignored, Generale Garibaldi simply continuing, "She must be English, my wife considers."

"But she must know Italian. Think of the poor patients!"

"Very little would do to start with; she will learn it quickly. They will all worship her; make a queen of her. We have all the greatest sympathy for the English."

So finding that they were evidently possessed of the faith that moveth mountains, I could but reiterate my advice as to seeking a nurse with the missionary spirit through the medium of the nursing press, and express my

earnest hopes that she will respond to their call.

"A Matron wanted for a new hospital in one of the most charming parts of Italy, at the seaport of Maddalena, near to Caprera. Maddalena is a great military arsenal; but has no civil hospital for the poor."

"To fill this want, Madame Constance Garibaldi, who lives at Caprera, has appealed to the public for funds."

"Funds are coming in but slowly, so that at first the post will have to be gratuitous, lodging and food only found. As soon as the financial position is satisfactorily arranged (as it will be, the Italian Parliament having accorded a National lottery for the purpose) the post will be remunerated."

Answers to be addressed to Signora Ricciotti Garibaldi, Via Pontefici, 57, Roma.

Irish Matrons' Association.

At the May Meeting of the Irish Matrons' Association, a very interesting paper was read by Miss Phelan, Lady Superintendent of the Hospital for Protestants, South Dublin Union. The subject of the paper was the treatment of Tuberculosis as carried out by Dr. F. J. Dunne, Visiting Physician to the South Dublin Union. Owing to Dr. Dunne very kindly lending his notes on the cases treated, Miss Phelan was enabled to give her audience an accurate account of the use and results of Tuberculin. The Guardians of the South Dublin Union are to be congratulated on having, with the assistance of their medical officers, provided special accommodation for patients with tuberculosis. By request of the President of the I.M.A., Miss Phelan kindly consented to read her paper again on a future occasion.

Irish Nurses' Association.

A most interesting and enjoyable Lecture was given at the Irish Nurses' Association Rooms, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, recently, by Dr. W. I. de C. Wheeler, F.R.C.S.I., on "Some Points about Fractures, and Dislocations."

The Amusements Committee of the Association has arranged the following programme for the summer months:

Wednesday, May 22nd, destination, Stevens' Hospital, on invitation of Miss Kelly, President of the Association. *Friday, May 31st*, Mrs. O'Brien's Cottage, Cliff Road, Howth, on invitation of Miss Huxley, Miss Haughton, and Mrs. Manning. *Wednesday, June 5th*, Rotunda Hospital, on invitation of

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