

## QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

In nursing a patient in a private house what minor details would you observe in regard to the personal care of the patient, and his (or her) surroundings, in order to add to his comfort?

## THE NEED OF NURSING IN WAR.

Queen Alexandra has telegraphed from Copenhagen to Lord Rothschild, Chairman of the Council of the British Red Cross Society, warmly supporting his appeal for a special fund to enable it to render assistance to the sick and wounded in the Near East, and commending it to the support of the British public.

The fact that it is not contemplated to include trained nurses in the units despatched is a great disappointment, both to trained nurses, who realize the imperative need for their services, and to the public, who have assimilated the lesson of the Crimean War, that skilled nursing is essential to the welfare of the sick. Fifteen years ago, when Mrs. Bedford Fenwick appealed in the *Morning Post*, on the outbreak of hostilities between Greece and Turkey, for funds to send out trained nurses, she received £500 by return of post; the *Daily Chronicle* Fund, with which this was amalgamated, reached £10,000, and four surgeons and 30 nurses were despatched to the seat of war, the services of the latter being greatly appreciated by the splendid Greek surgeons.

The British Red Cross Society is the official source of aid to foreign countries in war, and presumably private enterprise would not be encouraged. But as it assumes this responsibility it should recognize the duty of providing skilled nursing.

## MONTENEGRO.

The first surgical unit to be sent out by the British Red Cross Society to the seat of war left London on Sunday evening for Montenegro. Surgeon-General Bourke was in charge as Director, the other medical officers being Dr. Anthony Bradford, Dr. F. Goldsmith, of Adelaide, Australia, and Surgeon-Captain Martin Leake, V.C. The unit included three dressers and twelve orderlies, and it was hoped that it would arrive at Cettigne, its destination, on Thursday, where it will be at the disposal of the Montenegrin military authorities.

## TURKEY.

Three units are also being sent out to Turkey under the auspices of the Society, the whole of the expenses being defrayed by Sir Ernest Cassel.

No. 1.—Leaves London for Constantinople on the 25th inst., Dr. Page, resident surgeon at St. Thomas's Hospital, being in command. With him will be associated Dr. H. L. Mann and Dr. Bourdillon, of the same hospital.

No. 2.—In command of the second unit will be Dr. Anderson, of St. Mary's Hospital, with Dr. Ward, of St. Bartholomew's, and Dr. Thornton. It leaves London on the 26th inst.

No. 3.—Dr. Appleyard, of St. Mary's, will command the third unit, which it is proposed shall leave London on October 27th. With him will be Dr. Steele, of Canada, and Dr. Gardner, of Australia.

## GREECE.

Urgent requests have also been received by the British Red Cross Society from Greece for surgical aid, and two units have been enrolled, which leave London on the 26th inst.

The detachments in Greece will be under the command of Colonel Delmé Radcliffe. The following surgeons have been appointed to the units:—

No. 1. Major Houghton, R.A.M.C., Dr. Manuel, and Dr. Treherne.

No. 2. Dr. Guy Matthews and Dr. Welch.

These units are provided by the liberality of Greek residents in this country.

## NURSING HELP FROM GERMANY.

The German Red Cross Society has despatched a Military Surgeon and 22 nurses to Turkey.

## THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY.

The Red Crescent Society is organizing a field hospital with full equipment, and with a staff of surgeons, assistants, and male and female nurses.

## NURSES' INSURANCE CARDS.

The Application Form should be filled in *very* carefully and distinctly.

The Card should be signed.

The registerable address should appear on the Card.

Letters must be stamped.

Saturday, the 26th October, is the latest date on which the stamped Card should reach the Office of the Approved Society in which a nurse is insured. If this is impossible, a postcard should be sent to the office intimating that the Card will be forwarded at an early date.

Upon receiving the second quarter's card and book from the office it would be well to place the former carefully in one of the little cardboard cases made for the purpose, and which can be obtained at a stationer's.

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