

## THE TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

### CITY AND COUNTY OF LONDON.

The meeting of the Grand Committee was held at the Mansion House, E.C., on Thursday, December 12th, when the members were most kindly welcomed by the new Lady Mayoress, Lady Burnett, who has accepted office as Chairman of the Committee, and who expressed the hope that the Territorial Force Nursing Service would continually increase its usefulness. Lady Dimsdale was re-elected to the position of Vice-Chairman, and Miss M. C. Goodhue to that of Hon. Secretary—ladies to whom in the past the Committee owe much for their personal interest and practical work.

The following ladies were elected to fill the vacancies, six by rotation and three by resignation:—Miss McCall Anderson (Matron, St. George's Hospital), Lady Barlow, Lady Bingham, Mrs. Victor Bonney (cert. St. Bartholomew's Hospital), Miss Crosby, Lady Maud Hoare, Miss H. L. Pearse (Superintendent, School Nurses, London County Council), Lady Perks, and Lady Truscott.

The report, which was adopted, stated that the Committee for the Supply of Hospital Comforts, of which the Hon. Secretary is the Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, had, in response to its appeal, received £11 12s. 6d. in cash, and 25 garments.

Four matrons of the general hospitals for London have, in the course of the summer, been called out for training in the military hospitals. In each case they report having gained valuable information, and also that they have been received with the greatest kindness by the authorities and the permanent Nursing Staff of these hospitals.

The thanks of the Committee were accorded to the former Lady Mayoress, Miss Crosby, for her services in connection with the Territorial Force Nursing Service during the past year, and especially to the Lord Mayor and herself for their kindness in entertaining the members both of the Committee and the Nursing Staff at the Mansion House.

### WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—Miss Janet Stewart, £1 1s.; Miss M. Dempster, 10s.; Miss M. Burr, 8s. 6d. (instead of dinner ticket); Miss C. Crichton Stewart, 5s.

## SUCH IS WAR.

The daily press continues to give harrowing accounts of the terrible plight of refugees at the seat of war. The condition of the refugees at Salonika, over 40,000 in number, is daily becoming worse. Thousands of them remain unsheltered, and are suffering severely from the inclement weather. Their situation is appalling, smallpox and other maladies are rife, dozens are dying daily from disease and starvation, the funds for their nourishment are absolutely insufficient, and hundreds have gone without bread for five days. Here are old men and women too weak to hold up their hands for food and children unable to move their famished bodies, and mothers giving birth to children on beds of mud and filth. Such is war, and British nurses, longing to serve, are deprived by the British Red Cross Society of their right to help!

### THE BRITISH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY IN TURKEY.

The following letters from Dr. Calthrop and Sister Wheatley from Scutari have been communicated to us officially for publication:—

SCUTARI,

December 8th, 1912.

As directed by Colonel Surtees, accompanied by a Turkish student as interpreter, I took the steamer to Emirghian and met there Ferid Pasha's "agent," who conducted me for a mile or so to an old barn, where I found many refugees in the deepest distress—stockingless and cold, but always clean and stoical.

Having relieved these, the agent informed me there were no more anywhere in the neighbourhood, but on interrogating the refugees they said that they knew of a camp a few miles off.

There being no carriage in the place, I got the refugees to take me by a distinctly hilly "track" across country, which the Turks were entrenching on all hands, in a tumbledown bullock cart. After four or five miles' drive we alighted on a camp, and were very glad to be able to cause so much pleasure. We found two newly-born babes and much distress. Children and old women abounded.

Total relieved = 61 Families.

" = 253 Individuals.

Many families included sisters of one of the couple and frequently the mother-in-law.

Average spent, Family = 15s. (roughly)

" " Head = 3s. 6d. (roughly)

" (Signed) E. S. CALTHROP.

I have just returned from my first expedition with Colonel Surtees to the refugees at a village in the mountains near Kathal. It has been a most interesting day and I have much enjoyed helping the poor things, about 100 in all, dispersed in

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