

for good work in two of the important Fever Hospitals in London, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, which will shortly be advertised—the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, and the South-Western at Stockwell. The Medical Superintendents of both institutions, Dr. Goodall and Dr. Foord Caiger, are both men who know what good nursing means, and are most anxious that the sick in their charge shall be provided with nursing of the most efficient quality. This is no easy matter in these days, when the shortage of the best material for training is a very serious factor in hospital management, and ladies appointed to the positions named should be keenly interested in the education and training of nurses. We hope in the future, when the powers that be realise the value of the clinical material in the Metropolitan Asylum's Board Hospitals, that by a system of reciprocal training it may be more generally available than it is at present.

The President, Mr. Hewitt, of the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, has recently shown his great interest in the training and education of the nurses by bestowing on the school a Silver-gilt Medal for competition in the final examinations, and a Prize of Books for first year's probationers.

Miss Bolton has won the first Medal, which honour will no doubt be keenly competed for in succeeding examinations. It is now thirty years ago since we proposed to the committee of St. Bartholomew's Hospital that such distinctions should be instituted in its Nursing School, since which time the Bart's Gold Medal has been worn by many of its most distinguished nurses in many parts of the world, and treasured by them as their most priceless possession.

The end of war in the Balkans will make apparent the horrible suffering it entails on the poor. Starvation, disease, and misery are now rampant where ever the "murder man" has passed. In Constantinople Sister Warriner is distributing bread tickets to 800 refugees daily, and writes that the misery is heartrending. After the siege of Scutari to help and feed the poor creatures left in it is indeed a work of mercy. Let us rejoice that some of our brave Englishwomen are on the spot. Miss Durham, the well-known writer, who has lived so long in Montenegro, is doing wonderful work, and has two trained nurses to help her. Miss Irvine Robertson, trained at Bart's, is one of them. She was a sister at the Children's Hospital, Shadwell, collected £100 amongst friends,

with which she bought stores, and was away to the front. Now she has her skilful hands full, attending the sick, dressing wounds, and helping Miss Durham in every way.

We are sorry to hear that of the 3 English sisters sent to Yanina Miss MacCormac alone has escaped a breakdown; one has suffered from enteric, and another from a form of malaria which attacks so many foreigners in Greece.

There appears to have been a very serious sick list amongst the detachments of Sisters sent to the Near East during the present war. Of the band of 30 English nurses selected for work in Greece and widely distributed there in the 1897 war, not one death occurred, not one suffered from enteric, no Sister in charge of a hospital was invalidated off duty, and the majority of the nurses returned none the worse for their arduous work.

Does not this prove the necessity of careful organization and professional supervision? We think it does, and that as the British Red Cross Society has assumed the right to provide nursing in war, it is its duty to select and organize a corps of thoroughly qualified nurses, ready to go to the front with as little delay as possible. As it is, our nurses have been sent out—or gone on their own responsibility—and without adequate superintendence have had to make the best of very faulty conditions injurious alike to health and efficiency.

The Order of King Edward Nurses in South Africa, of which Miss J. C. Child has been appointed Superintendent General, was founded at a meeting representative of the four Provinces of the Union, held at Government House, Cape Town, on December 1st, 1910, the objects being the establishment of Nursing Centres where most required, in the four provinces of the Union; the provision of trained nurses in districts where the local authority desires, upon agreed terms, to have the services of a King Edward Nurse; and the training of native and coloured nurses, at Lovedale and other native institutions, for service among a coloured and native population. His Majesty the King, as well as Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra, are Patrons of the Order.

The scheme is to be on thoroughly South African lines, and it is expected that before long South Africa will be able to supply the number of trained nurses required, though at the outset it may be necessary to secure some additional nurses from Great Britain or Holland. Nurses

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