

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, acknowledges with gratitude donations of £1 1s. from Miss E. S. Haldane LL.D. and Miss J. P. Jamieson, and 10s. from Miss B. Kent. After the holidays it is proposed to call a Conference on State Registration to lay before it the proposals made at the Annual Meeting, and others, for actively furthering the Nurses' Registration Bill—when how to finance the movement will be discussed.

SCHOOL NURSING AS AN EDUCATIONAL FACTOR.

The garden party given by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace on Saturday last to representatives of the teaching profession in London, gave immense pleasure to thousands of teachers in schools and colleges connected with the London Education Authority.

Of chief interest to nurses is the fact that Miss H. L. Pearse, Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council, was honoured by an invitation, and with other heads of departments was presented to Their Majesties. Recognition was thus accorded to the work of School and other nurses as an educative factor in the lives of the community, a recognition which it has justly earned. The presentation of officers was made at the North East corner of the Palace, the King and Queen shaking hands with each. Afterwards while the Queen talked to Mrs. Burgwin who for over 20 years has supervised the work in the schools for afflicted children, the King remarked to Miss Pearse that he was very pleased to hear that more attention was being given to the treatment of children's teeth, as he understood that they were in a deplorable condition. Turning to the Queen his Majesty informed her that Miss Pearse was working amongst the children, when the Queen enquired whether this was in London.

After the presentation of heads of departments, Their Majesties at once proceeded to the lawn by the King's summer house where 500 boys and girls, from 20 representative schools, were drawn up, and conducted by Dr. J. E. Borland, musical adviser to the Education Committee of the L.C.C. rendered a programme including four songs, a madrigal, and a four part rota so effectively as to earn the thanks of the King, who told the children that he had been very much pleased to hear their singing and that they sang very nicely. The Royal party then returned to the lawns, where under the Indian canopy the President of the

Board of Education presented representatives of the schools and colleges connected with the London Education Authority.

All the guests were most hospitably entertained, tea and other refreshments being provided on a most lavish scale. Each child was in addition presented with a box of chocolates. The box will no doubt be long cherished as a memorial of a red letter day.

EDINBURGH NURSES FOR THE SEAT OF WAR.

Early last week, Miss Gill, the Superintendent of Nurses in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, received an urgent message from Her Majesty the Queen of Greece requesting a number of nurses for immediate service.

Several Edinburgh nurses volunteered for service, and, on the night of Friday, July 18th, a party of ten left Princes Street Station by the 10.50 train for London, whence they were to proceed to Athens.

They will be at the disposal of the Queen of Greece, and it is not yet known where they may be sent.

The party comprises two of the present Sisters of the Royal Infirmary—Miss Lamb and Miss Richard—and six other nurses who have all been trained in the Royal Infirmary—Miss M. M. Kerr, Miss McIntosh, Miss Nicolson, Miss Grundman, Miss A. Cameron, and Miss E. J. Stuart; also two other nurses, selected on account of their special experience in nursing enteric—Miss McKellar and Miss I. Scott.

Of the above, Miss McIntosh, Miss Nicolson, and Miss McKellar are from the Scottish Association of Trained Nurses, Alva Street; Miss Grundman and Miss A. Cameron from the Trained Nurses' Association, Rutland Street; and Miss I. Scott from the Royal Scottish Nursing Institution.

A large company of ladies and gentlemen were present at the station to see the nurses off, and to bid them farewell. Among them were:—Miss Gill, Miss Graham (Matron of the Scottish Association of Trained Nurses), Miss Kinloch (Matron of the Royal Scottish Nursing Association), Miss Tait (of the Royal Scottish Nursing Home), Mr. William S. Caw, J.P. (Clerk and Treasurer of the Royal Infirmary—who was present in the capacity of Deputy-Superintendent), Dr. Fleming (of the Staff of the Royal Infirmary), and a number of personal friends and relations of the nurses.

The good wishes of their fellow Sisters and nurses in the Royal Infirmary also accompany the party in their courageous and humane undertaking.

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