

is eligible, and the beauty and diversity of the first exhibit afforded abundant evidence of the skill of the members of the League in a branch of nursing handicraft peculiarly their own.

We much regret to learn that a serious accident befell a party of nurses from the Victoria Nurses' Home of Rest, Bryn Menai, Bangor, on April 16th, when, with Miss Goodwin, Matron of the Home, they were driving along the route known as "Round the Pass." Near Capel Curig one of the horses fell, with the result that Miss Morris, an inspector for North Wales, and another occupant of the wagonette were thrown out and injured, Miss Morris sustaining a very bad compound fracture of the leg. The injured nurses were conveyed in a passing motor to Bethesda, where they received medical attention. Universal sympathy will be felt by Queen's Nurses and others with Miss Morris.

The danger to nurses in the discharge of their duty, when institutions for the sick are not suitably equipped, is exemplified in the case of the Carrick-on-Suir fever hospital. Dr. P. Stephenson, the medical officer, recently wrote to the Board of Guardians, stating that during the week a trained night nurse in the fever hospital had contracted typhoid fever. The nurse for whom she was acting as temporary substitute had contracted the same disease three months previously. He attributed the disease to the absence of a proper water supply and sanitary arrangements. The Guardians decided to procure a proper water supply at once, but surely, it should not be necessary to have the need for this demonstrated by the serious illness of two nurses.

When, eighteen months ago, we were instrumental in securing the services of Miss Katherine H. Wheatley as a volunteer army nurse for the British Red Crescent Society—and, in spite of a good many pessimistic prognostications, she proceeded to Turkey—we little thought how unlimited was the sphere of usefulness she would be called upon to fill. Miss Wheatley did very good work during the Balkan Wars, and then helped to organize most practical aid for the poor starving women and children by supervising the Muhajir weaving industry at Broussa, by which 350 people were soon supported in happy independence to the continuous hum of the busy shuttles.

A great compliment has now been paid to Miss Wheatley—and incidentally to English

nurses. The Turkish Government has recognised her organizing talent, and has asked her to undertake the reform and organization of nursing in Turkey, and she is to begin her new duties at an early date. These duties include the matronship of a big native hospital in Stamboul—which is beautifully equipped on the latest French model, but which needs skilled direction throughout—lecturing on nursing, and entire instruction of Turkish women as nurses, and lecturing to Turkish girls in European schools, on hygiene and sanitary reform. Such pioneer work will require great tact and discretion, but Miss Wheatley has already given evidence of her sympathy with Eastern women, and the fact that she has helped the poor in so practical a manner will command for her the confidence of the upper classes, and encourage refined women to come forward and help to make the new departure a success. Anyway, we realise that it is an honour that to an English nurse should be entrusted the responsibility of laying the foundation of trained nursing in Turkey, and we wish Miss Wheatley the happiest results to her most interesting enterprise. Trained nursing has become such an indispensable asset in the uplift of health and happiness throughout the world that there will soon be no fresh spheres to conquer. To those who are called upon to turn the first furrows and sow the seed the most fruitful labour is given.

#### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

We are asked by Miss A. Hulme, Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council, to notify that special third-class carriages will be reserved for the members of the Council attending the Quarterly Meeting at Rochester on the 25th inst., attached to the train leaving Charing Cross at 10.2 a.m., arriving at 11.18, so that the party can travel together. The morning will be devoted to sight-seeing, and there is much of interest to be noted in the ancient city of Rochester. Miss Beatrice Jones, of the Military Hospital, and Miss Kenan, of the Naval Hospital, Chatham, most kindly offer luncheon to members. The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, where the members will be welcomed and hospitably entertained to tea by Miss Pote-Hunt, Matron, and Mr. Charles Spencer, the Secretary, so that a very happy and profitable day is in prospect. By taking an afternoon train, members can attend the meeting and enjoy a visit to the hospital and the address given by Mr. Paul Matthews.

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