

NURSING ECHOES.

Letters have now come through from Athens from the Sisters of the Greek Unit, all of whom enjoyed the five days' journey, especially through lovely Switzerland and Greece. Such little *contretemps*, not unknown in Serbia, as the derailing of a luggage van, also an outbreak of fire on the train, and to find one's car dropped at Nisch, whilst the rest of the train, including the restaurant car, skipped away to Constantinople, made an exciting change. On arrival at Athens the Sisters were met and taken to the Royal Palace, and were given at once just the one thing they longed for—a nice hot bath! After a little rest they have all been deputed to duty. Sisters Evans and Oakley Williams are to be attached to the First Military Hospital at Smyrna—so as to be in readiness for the new offensive in Anatolia—where British, French and Italian warships are anchored outside the port, in addition to the Greek fleet. Moreover, a British squadron of four cruisers and ten destroyers are expected there from Malta, which naturally makes British nurses feel as safe as safe. The morale of the Greek soldiers is reported to be splendid—all anticipate victory—and we hope it may be theirs.

Sisters Bellamy and Dumvill are on duty at the Marasleion College Hospital, and Sisters Post and Nunn at the First Military Hospital at Athens. Everything possible is being done for the sick and wounded, but nursing comforts, including wheel chairs and artificial limbs, would add greatly to the comfort and welfare of seriously injured men, and of course the Sisters would like them provided from England right away. It always has been Britain's privilege to give generously to the sick and wounded in the world's wars, and in spite of all our troubles, we are neither so poor nor so unsympathetic that we can pass by on the other side, when brave men fighting for justice and humanity are in need. Something must be done. Do not let us forget that the Greeks, as ever, are opposing the old, old hordes of barbarism personified for the hour by Mustapha Kemal in Anatolia, where the wholesale massacre of women and children and helpless old men are of daily occurrence.

We quote the following lines from a letter from Athens, just to prove the lasting value in the estimation of the public of good

professional work, and how each member is individually responsible for the prestige and usefulness of the whole:—

“The nurses arrived safely and are quite charming. Her Majesty is delighted to have them here, and I am sure they will do good work. Two are going to work in Smyrna, and the others in two hospitals here. It does remind one so of old times to see the blue dress and aprons I know so well! I am sorry you were not able to come yourself. . . . Her Majesty has never forgotten all the interest you so kindly took in our brave soldiers, and wishes you to know that the work your splendid nurses did for Greece was highly appreciated by all, and has made a lasting impression.”

Mrs. Lancelot Dent will be “At Home,” by invitation, to meet the Principal Matron and nursing staff of the First London General Hospital at 83, Westbourne Terrace, W., on Saturday, 11th June, 3.30 to 6.30. Uniform is optional. It seems quite a long time since we had a social Territorial function. Such functions were greatly enjoyed before the war.

A vacant appointment which will have attractions for trained nurses possessing a knowledge of household management is announced in our advertisement columns, that of Assistant Bursar and Resident Nurse at King's College for Women, Campden Hill Road, W.8. The candidate appointed will be required to take up the duties, which consist in aiding the Bursar in domestic administration, in September next. The salary offered is £80 per annum. Applications for particulars should be made to the Secretary at the above address before June 15th.

The 32nd Congress and Exhibition of the Royal Sanitary Institute, W., will be held at Folkestone from June 20th to 25th, when several papers of great interest to nurses will be read and discussed. The nurse of the future has so wide a field before her in Public Health work that attendance at this Congress will be of the utmost use to her if she can spare time and money to be present. Write to the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W., for the programme of the meeting.

We are glad to note that the Ministry of Health has compelled the Committee of the

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