

### NURSING ECHOES.

Following an appreciation of the late Miss Pringle's work as the pioneer of the modern system of nursing in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, which appeared in the *Scotsman* of 2nd March, 1920, a movement was set on foot to secure some permanent memorial which might adequately record her eminent services. An effort was made to raise subscriptions among those who were her fellow-workers in the Infirmary; but, while the response was highly satisfactory, it was soon found that the sum which could be gathered in this way would be insufficient to defray the cost of a suitable tablet. An appeal was made to the Edinburgh Committee of the Red Cross Society (in whose work in Musselburgh Miss Pringle had rendered excellent service) for a grant, and this body cordially responded and undertook to supplement to the full what was lacking in the sum raised by her friends. The result has been that a memorial brass tablet has, with the permission of the managers, been placed in the chapel of the Royal Infirmary bearing the following inscription:—

In honoured and affectionate memory  
Of Angelique Lucille Pringle,  
Lady Superintendent of Nurses, 1874 to 1887,  
Departed this life 29th February, 1920.

The pupil and friend of Miss Florence Nightingale, Miss Pringle introduced the modern method of hospital nursing, and was the founder of the Training School for Nurses in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, where her work will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

"Gentleness: Goodness: Faith."

The tablet was designed and has been beautifully executed, says the *Scotsman*, by Mr. Charles Henshaw, while the white marble base upon which it rests was gifted by Mr. Colin Macandrew.

Two more Sisters have been requisitioned by the Queen of the Hellenes from the Registered Nurses' Society, who will leave at an early date for Athens.

The Sisters already there find themselves quite settled, treated with the utmost kindness by everyone, and very happy in their work for sick and wounded Greek soldiers. They are struggling to learn a little Greek, but naturally find the language very difficult.

The Sisters have been most kindly received by Lady Granville, the wife of our Minister at

Athens. They were invited to the celebration of King George's birthday at the Legation.

Sisters C. A. Evans and Oakley Williams have gone to Smyrna to await events, where King Constantine, the Crown Prince and Princes Andrew and Nicholas have now arrived. The *Times* reports that "the King proceeded to the front immediately to inspect the troops and to decide the date of the offensive. The Greek fighting force, which numbers about 160,000, is impatiently awaiting to attack. Constantine is the first Christian King to tread on Anatolian soil since the Crusades. This fact appeals to the Christian population, who regard it as promising the end of Turkish rule."

We imagine it is also the first time that Britain has calmly stood aside whilst war is being waged between Christian and Moslem. We learn from the "diplomatic" press that British policy is to effect a fair and just settlement between Greeks and Turks; "we are not even lending moral support to either side!" Is it that we have in these times of shifty expediency no moral force to expend either at home or abroad?

We are glad to learn that our British nurses are winning golden opinions in Athens, and upholding our character for sturdy devotion to duty. It is well.

The many friends of Miss J. C. Child will be glad to know that she has arrived in this country from South Africa, apparently in the best of health and spirits. Though keenly regretting having severed her connection with South Africa, she is eager to pick up the threads of life again in the Mother Country, where she is assured of a welcome from numerous friends.

The publication of the R.B.N.A. Supplement is held over till next week, as so much space is this week required for the report of the opening of the Headquarters of the General Nursing Council, in which, of course, the Association is deeply interested, as it was the first nurses' organisation to make State Registration a plank of its programme. We are glad to hear the Nurses' Club at 194, Queen's Gate continues its successful progress. We sampled the dinner last week and found the cuisine and service quite excellent. All information can be obtained from the Secretary, R.B.N.A.

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