

THE GREEK NURSING UNIT.

Sisters Bellamy and Dumvill have been transferred from the Maraslion Hospital, Athens, where they have done such good work, as it will be closed at an early date, to the First Military Hospital, Athens. Mrs. Endall, the Matron of the latter, is now engaged in Children's Welfare Work, in which the Queen takes so deep an interest, so Sister Bellamy has been placed in charge as Matron, with the addition of Theatre work.

Sister Dumvill has charge of the sick and wounded officers, who greatly appreciate the system of English nursing. Both Sisters left the Maraslion with much regret, and apparently sincerely regretted. The Director of the First Military Hospital has given the Sisters a most kind welcome, and told them how much he regretted losing the skilled services of Sisters Post and Nunn. The more international amenities between the doctors and nurses of various countries the better. The war gave our profession great chances of international service; we must keep it up.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Princess Beatrice is to pay a visit to Birmingham on February 20th. She has conferred a signal honour upon the Birmingham General Hospital by consenting to nomination for the Presidency at the next Annual Meeting on March 15th, and has given much pleasure in accepting an invitation to pay it and the Jaffray Branch Hospital a visit.

There will be great doings, of course. The Royal Party arrive at Birmingham at 12.40. The Bishop, the President of the Hospital, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Town Clerk will welcome Her Royal Highness at Snow Hill Station, and upon arrival at the hospital she is to be received by representatives of the Board of Management, and the Senior Officials, including the House Governor (Mr. A. H. Leaney) and the Matron (Miss E. M. Musson). Many presentations will be made, amongst them Councillor Miss Bartleet, of the Nursing Committee.

Hospitality on an approved scale will be the order of the day. A luncheon in the Board Room to 60 guests, at the conclusion of which the President will propose the toasts of the King and of Princess Beatrice.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness will visit the Jaffray Branch Hospital, where there will be presented the Medical Staff and the Matron (Miss H. Emmerson).

Upon returning to the General Hospital the Princess will have presented to her the members of the Medical Staff, and Her Royal Highness will then proceed to Wards II and XIII.

The Nursing Staff of the hospital have arranged "entertainment teas" in aid of the hospital for February 20th and 21st. On the first day the Lady Mayoress will perform the opening ceremony,

and subsequently the Princess will visit the entertainment.

Tea will be provided for the Royal party in one of the closed wards, and the Princess will leave New Street for London at 4.50 p.m.

The Lord Mayor who presided at the Mansion House on Thursday, February 9th, on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Governors of St. Mark's Hospital for Cancer, Fistula and other diseases of the Rectum, very warmly commended the good work accomplished by this hospital, and expressed the hope that in spite of the great difficulties of the times, the necessary income would be forthcoming from the public.

It was stated that the purchase of the adjoining site had been completed, and that the sum of £10,000 was needed to build a much-needed extension of the premises so that more patients might be benefitted. At present many sufferers from the painful diseases treated by the hospital had to wait as long as three months for admission, the present accommodation being absolutely inadequate for those seeking treatment.

The Lord Mayor will preside at a luncheon in aid of the Queen's Hospital for Children on May 18th, at the Mansion House.

Mr. Giffard Sherman Reade, of Rotorua, New Zealand, has made a gift to the Admiralty, for the benefit of the Royal Naval Hospital, Greenwich, of the Holbrook estate in Suffolk, which covers about 1,000 acres, and is valued at about £30,000.

It is quite a relief to read of hospitals in happy financial circumstances. Thus we gather the position of the Halifax Infirmary is very satisfactory.

The report shows that in spite of trade depression workpeople's contributions had realised £7,752, only £659 less than last year. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £2,842.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke, of Kanawaa, Newton Abbot, Devon, left £239,233.

She made bequests of nearly £50,000 to various charities.

Of the residue of her property she left one-sixth to the Bishop of London's Fund, and one-sixth to the King Edward's Hospital Fund.

The death duties on Mrs. Clarke's properties will amount to about £60,000.

The Hospital Fund is a notable sufferer from this form of taxation, as the residuary estate of the late Lord Mount-Stephen, which was to benefit this fund, was mulcted in over £500,000 in death duties, which would otherwise have gone to the fund.

On considering the exposé of squander by the spending Departments of the State, it is not very encouraging to people to leave their money to good works.

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