

A few days later I was commanded to an audience by Queen Olga.

Athens is enlivened or tormented according to taste with turbulent winds—personally I respond to buffeting breezes, but desiring to appear in the Royal presence as neat as a new pin, I tied on my little Marie Stewart bonnet securely with a dainty net veil. Arrived at the Palace I was smilingly received by the Evzones, and directed to proceed up the wide marble stairs. On the first landing I was received by Count Massala—a most kind and excitable little man. Something perturbed him vastly. I gathered from wild gesticulation and rapid French that my veil was the offence; apparently it was not etiquette to appear in the Royal presence so attired. I attempted to untie the knot. Alas! gloves must be removed for that purpose, time was passing, the Grand Marshal began to dance, then he made a dash and seized the offending millinery (including my head). An Evzone began to float up the stair-way, so I promptly untied my bonnet strings leaving my headgear in the hands of the Master of Ceremonies!

With profound bows and apologies my offending bonnet and veil were returned to me, and hurrying to a near by mirror little "Marie Stewart" was manipulated to resume its normal shape and gently induced to repose once more, minus the veil, on my somewhat ruffy-tuffy coiffure.

Calm having been restored I was ushered into a simply appointed room near by, in which Queen Olga was seated. In appearance a very imperial descendant of Tsars. A true Romanoff, handsome, dignified, very still and strong.

She referred to the "Lovely Letter" and welcomed me graciously, and then this stately Queen was swiftly moved. Rising from her chair she demanded: "Tell me, Mrs. Fenwick, is it true they are operating upon our poor wounded without chloroform, oh! surely it cannot be true?"

I told her it was true because the supply was exhausted in Greece, but that our stores brought from England included barrels of anaesthetics, and we were distributing it.

This assurance evidently relieved her kind heart.

We then talked earnestly of plans for succouring the sick and wounded, and before she dismissed me she promised our Ambulance her personal support and help, a promise she speedily redeemed by granting us the use of the lovely Villa Militopoulo at the Piræus, a miniature Palace, formerly the Turkish Consulate, which we speedily transformed into a model hospital, to which she paid many gracious visits together with the King and Princess Marie. Of one of these visits I must tell you, it made so deep an impression upon me. Queen Olga no longer grief stricken but Imperial—Romanoff.

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(To be continued).

IN MEMORY OF THEIR COLONEL-IN-CHIEF.

The sum of £166 10s. 7d., representing one day's pay, has been sent by the British officers, Gurkha officers, non-commissioned officers and riflemen of the 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles (1st and 2nd battalions) to the National Memorial Fund for Queen Alexandra, in memory of their Colonel-in-Chief.

NURSES' ORGANIZATIONS.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Annual Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held in the Nurses' Home of the Royal Infirmary, on Tuesday, June 8th. Miss Vincent, R.R.C., presided, and was supported by Misses H. Ellis, Pell Smith, and Sherlock, vice-presidents.

The difficulties of railway travelling prevented a larger attendance, but about 40 members were present, amongst whom were Mesdames Ashwin, Lulham, Moss, and Carter, and Misses Chater and I. German. Everyone was disappointed not to see Miss Rogers, who was prevented by illness from attending, and a letter of sympathy was sent to her from the meeting.

Miss Pell Smith, in a humorous speech, proposed the re-election of Miss Vincent as President "from now on." This was seconded by Miss Marriott and carried unanimously.

Misses Steers, Higley, C. N. Cox, D. Barker, and Dakin were elected to serve on the League Council.

Communications received *re* contributions towards the expenses of the International Council of Nurses, to which the League is affiliated, were discussed, and it was decided to make a yearly grant to the Fund for defraying those expenses on the suggested basis of £1 per 100 members. An invitation to take part in a Bazaar to be held next month, in London, for the same object was declined as impracticable.

At the conclusion of the meeting tea and ices were served in the sitting-room. Later members dispersed to wander over the hospital and to visit more especially the extension to the surgery and the new X-ray department, where, Miss Vincent warned them, it was hardly too much to expect to find that even their thoughts were no longer private property.

THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We offer cordial congratulations to Miss S. Lillian Clayton, who has been elected President of the American Nurses' Association.

Miss Adda Eldredge, R.N., speaking at the joint session of the three national nursing associations in the United States of America at the first Health Congress, and the 25th Convention of the American Nurses' Association, at Atlantic City last May, reviewed its work since 1922, a period co-incident with her term of office as President.

As reported in *The American Journal of Nursing*, Miss Eldredge made the following reference to the work of the International Council of Nurses. "In 1923, with the renewal of the work of the International Council of Nurses we sent Miss Noyes to the Copenhagen meeting, and in 1925 your President was sent to attend the Helsingfors meeting. Plans for International expansion were approved by the delegates, necessitating 2,700 dollars in the 1926 Budget, as the share of the American Nurses' Association. It was most gratifying at a meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Nurses' Association to find how directly the States stood back of us, for some of them were willing even to raise the funds rather than have them taken out of our budget."

It would appear therefore that, like our own National Council, the American Nurses' Association does not intend to raise its "Dues" for the International Council of Nurses by enforcing a tax of 5 cents, but will leave to the discretion of each State the question of the method of raising it, in our view the only practicable way.

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