

SPECIAL INTERCESSION SERVICE FOR GREECE.

The blue-and-white flag of Greece and the Union Jack hung side by side when a special intercession service was held at the Greek Cathedral of St. Sophia, in Moscow Road, London.

The Duchess of Kent, a Greek Princess, was present, and many eminent people. A very impressive service was held.

Archimandrite Virvos said after the ceremony: "We dedicated the cause of Greece to God. We asked Him to help the Greek nation and their British Allies.

"We prayed for an extension of the great privilege granted to the Greek nation through the centuries of being the torch-bearer of freedom, justice, truth and wisdom."

After this prayer came three hymns. The first dates back a thousand years to Byzantine times, and reads:—"Save, Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Grant to our kings victory over the barbarians, and guard, by the power of the cross, Thy kingdom."

The second hymn was a prayer for the King of Greece and the royal house. The third—the only words spoken in English—was our National Anthem.

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Have you read "Madame de Maintenon: Her Life and Times, 1635-1719," by C. G. Dyson? It is an illuminating work. The life of the greatest Queen who ever influenced a King of France!

The organisation of the educational establishment for young gentlewomen, St. Cyr, proves her amazing originality and power of organisation.

The last paragraph of this work is specially important to the British people, as we apparently owe to St. Cyr our National Anthem. To quote:—

"On the first occasion that Louis XIV visited St. Cyr the pupils sang a chorus, the words of which were composed by Madame de Brinon, the first Superior, and the music by Lulli, Master of the King's Music. It began: 'Grand Dieu! Sauvez le Roi!' and was sung whenever royalty visited St. Cyr during a hundred years. In 1721 Handel visited St. Cyr, and was much impressed by this

composition, and annexed it. After translating the words, he had it performed before King George I in London, and since then, as 'God Save the King!' it has become part of our national life."

DONORS FOR BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

The Minister of Health has learned that his recent reference to the fact that blood plasma can be used for transfusion instead of whole blood may have given rise to the impression that there is less need for blood donors.

While wastage of blood due to its poor keeping qualities can now be avoided, blood donors are actually required in greater numbers than ever before. More blood is needed not only so that stocks of plasma may be stored, but also because plasma is less in volume than the blood from which it is prepared.

The Minister, therefore, urges that all volunteers should continue to help the Blood Transfusion Service. All others who are able to help by giving their blood, whether for immediate use for transfusion, or for conversion into plasma, will be giving assistance of the greatest value in this time of emergency.

HIGH-FREQUENCY APPARATUS

The Home Secretary has made an Order under Regulation 4C of the Defence Regulations, forbidding any person in the United Kingdom to use or possess high-frequency apparatus having a high-frequency output of over 10 watts except under permit from the Postmaster-General. Such permits may be issued only to hospitals, clinics,

institutions providing medical or surgical treatment or other which are provided by a local authority or supported wholly or partly out of any public funds or by a charity or by voluntary subscriptions, to manufacturers who require to use high-frequency apparatus, to makers of and dealers in such apparatus, and to persons in charge of laboratories used for purposes of research or instruction.

The principal types of apparatus to which the Order applies are:—

- (i) diathermy and electro-medical apparatus using valves or spark coils. Such apparatus is frequently known as ultra-short wave (or short or long wave) diathermy, surgical diathermy or therapy apparatus;
- (ii) high-frequency furnaces;
- (iii) eddy current heating apparatus such as is used by valve and electric lamp manufacturers;



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