

Canadian Nursing Sisters To Far Away Roumania

Madame Pantazzi Organizes Mission—Daughter
of Late General Cotton to Head Organization—
Queen Marie Expresses Gratitude.

Eight Canadian Nursing Sisters, headed by Miss Dorothy Cotton, of Montreal, are to leave soon for Roumania, where they will serve with the Canadian Nursing Mission in that country. The newly organized mission owes its origin to a former Toronto girl, now Madame Pantazzi, wife of Commander Pantazzi, Roumanian Commissioner to the United States.

When Commander Pantazzi returned to his native land in March he laid the matter of the proposed mission before Queen Marie, at his first audience with her.

As a result of that interview the grateful queen wrote the following letter to Madame Pantazzi:

Coloceni, May 12.
Dear Madame Pantazzi—Canada's generous proposal to send out trained nurses to help create a school in Roumania comes as a veritable godsend. I have a house and an organization, but the necessary elements of regeneration were entirely missing. I was wondering how I could call English or American nurses to my aid, so as to give a new impulse to an institution that was not progressing as I desired, when suddenly your husband appeared with your wonderful message from Canada that had already done so much for us and was now offering to come to our aid. It seemed a veritable sign from above that I must never give up or despair; however hopeless things might appear at times.

All my efforts had been handicapped by our disastrous rate of exchange, making it impossible to appeal to foreign countries. Yet it was foreign aid and advice that we had to have. You, will, therefore, easily understand the joy your message was to me.

A son of your country, Col. J. W. Boyle, has by his bravery and his devotion to our cause already made the name of Canada known and loved in Roumania, and this new proof of her interest in our welfare comes to strengthen a bond of friendship which I hope will grow stronger and closer as the years pass.

Canada has known how to extend a generous hand to Roumania in her time of distress, and this the king, I and our people will never forget.

Will you please, in my name, thank all those who are helping to send out the nurses, whose experience and advice will be so precious to us, and tell them the joy that it gives me, the thought that you, dear Mme. Pantazzi, who in the hour of danger have shown a man's courage and energy are at the head of this movement is for me the best guarantee of its success.

(Signed) Marie,
Queen of Roumania.

At once arrangements for the mission were begun by the commissioner's wife, who not so long ago spent a happy time in her old home city, with her father, Mr. T. G. Greening, 221 St. George street, and did much to rouse interest in Roumania and its problems through her interesting lectures here.

At an informal gathering at "Red Gables," Mrs. H. D. Warren's hospitable home, a committee was chosen, comprising Mr. Lloyd Harris, of Brantford, president; vice-president, Mrs. J. W. L. Ross; treasurer, Mr. J. B. O'Brien; secretary, Mrs. Burnham; committee, Sir Edmund Walker, Mr. Thos. B. Greening; patrons, the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Lloyd H. Clarke, Mrs. Warren and Lady Eaton.

The committee in Bucharest provided the house with 50 furnished rooms, but \$25,000, of which half has been subscribed already, was necessary from Canada for the total upkeep of the nurses for two years. It is confidently expected that this will be forthcoming.

"When I went over to Roumania eleven years ago," said Mme. Pantazzi, "I was appalled to find that the hospitals were in the primitive state of the days before Florence Nightingale's reforms. Ignorant women of the lowest class were the only nurses there were. There was a great prejudice among the educated classes against nursing as a profession for their women who led a very retired life. Only the war and the coming of the British and French hospitals changed

this attitude, especially since the husbands and brothers of Roumanian women were in the hospitals by the thousands, suffering from wounds and disease. When I came back to Canada I found so many girls who had served during the war anxious to volunteer for this service that I thought the psychological moment had arrived."

Miss Cotton, who is to head the mission which expects to leave Montreal on November 6th, is a daughter of the late General Cotton, and herself served on the staff of Lady Paget's Anglo-Russian hospital at Petrograd, in the early years of the war. With her will go Miss Jean Graham, superintendent of Davisville Hospital; Miss Margaret Killmaster, of Brantford; Miss Irene Savage, former masseuse at the Christie Street Hospital; Miss Claire Carter, Port Colborne; Miss Olive Fitzgibbon, of Montreal; Miss Garfield McKay, of Halifax, and Miss Helen Kendall, of Winnipeg.

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(The Mail and Empire)

Washington, Sept. 16—Successful experiments upon 58 persons suffering from leprosy lead officials of the United States Public Health Service to believe they have at last found a cure for that ancient and dread disease. Everyone of the 58 have recovered to such an extent as to warrant his release on parole, and after a year not one has shown the smallest symptoms of recurrence.

Announcement of this fact in the Journal of the Missouri Medical Association was confirmed tonight by Dr. Claude Lavindar, of the Washington Public Health Service.

"The starting point for this study was the observation that now and then the course of the disease (leprosy) appeared to be favorably influenced by treatment with chaulmoogra oil," says an official representation. "The treatment, however, was attended with many difficulties and could not be carried out in all cases."

"At this point the United States Public Health Service enlisted the co-operation of Prof. L. E. Dean, head of the chemical department of the College of Hawaii, and president of that institution, suggesting that attempts be made either to isolate the active constituent of this drug or to devise means for making its continued administration feasible."

"The latter has been accomplished by preparing what is known as 'ethyl ester' from the chaulmoogra oil. The treatment has been carried on at the leprosy investigation station at Kalahe, Hawaii, the work being directed by Dr. T. McDonald, director of the station."

"Following a course of treatment extending over about a year, 58 lepers were paroled in October, 1918. Up to now they have remained free from disease."

"While chaulmoogra oil has long been a specific for leprosy, it never achieved the results now reliably claimed for it until Dr. Dean prepared the solution known as 'ethyl ester' from the chaulmoogra tree," said Dr. Lavindar in Washington tonight.

"One difficulty now lies in obtaining this rare oil in adequate quantities. The chaulmoogra tree is a native of India. To obtain sufficient number of trees the federal government is sending Prof. Joseph F. Rock, of the department of agriculture to Burma. He will bring back seeds and slips, which will be set out in government nurseries in Hawaii and elsewhere."

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OFFICERS OF CONSTANCE ENTERTAINED

Many people made good use of the opportunity afforded them to visit H. M. S. Constance yesterday. They were shown over the ship by the obliging crew. The ship will be open for inspection tomorrow afternoon and Sunday afternoon. Captain Kennedy is at present on a hunting trip the guest of J. L. McAvity and will return to the city tomorrow. The Constance will not leave port before Monday.

The officers were entertained last night at a dance at the Riverside Golf and Country Club. J. G. Harrison with the members of the ladies' committee of the club acted as host and hostesses and about one hundred were present. Refreshments were served under the direction of the ladies' committee. The chaperones were Mrs. Walter Foster, Mrs. James O. Thomas, Mrs. J. Pope Barnes and Mrs. W. H. Shaw.

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