

At first I had the pleasure of assisting a very able Army surgeon, Dr. Fauntleroy, but the same evening a table was assigned to me by Major La Garde, and I operated on cases, assisted by others. There were six tables in the tent, which were in charge of the following surgeons: Drs. Fauntleroy, Ireland, Nancrede, Parker, Howard and myself. The work continued all night, each operator having one assistant and one of the Sisters at his table, and it lasted all the following day. As the wounded came down in numbers, and there were no cots for them, they had to be left in any position around the ground. The Major and Chaplain Gavitt were at all times kept busy, having tent flies put up to protect them in case it should rain.

Major Appel, chief surgeon of the *Olivette*, deserves great praise for his energy and the manner in which he took the wounded under his able care. He had just arrived in camp when Surgeon-Major La Garde, Major Nancrede, Dr. Parker, and myself were discussing what might be done to relieve the exigencies, as more of the wounded were brought down. Every moment news of a new battle was expected. The experience of the first, with no better means yet at hand, was a matter of great concern and worry to those present. Suggestions were made and discussed. Finally it was agreed to request more Red Cross aid, by telegraph. A call for one hundred sisters was suggested, and Mrs. Lesser was consulted in the matter. We had fifty trained nurses on our lists, and other assistants, such as women to act as matrons to distribute nourishment, etc., whom we hoped we could rely upon. We promised to send for that number immediately, as we had sent for twenty-five already. That morning Miss Barton, Mr. Kannan, and several of her staff had gone to the front, and before leaving, Miss Barton instructed her secretary, Mr. C. H. Cottrell, in the presence of Mrs. Lesser and myself, that at our request he should cable in her name for such persons and material as should be needed in the Hospital Department. Since it was the wish of the surgeon of the camp, we cabled first by name, and then by special list, for fifty nurses, ten assistants, a number of immune physicians, complete hospital equipment, and a quantity of surgical material, sufficient to make at least five hundred patients comfortable.

The work was performed almost without intermission, every surgeon employing all his energies. The feeling in the hospital among the members of the surgical staff was an excellent one; surgeons would show each other anything of interest, would consult and advise on matters of importance. Surgeon-Major Nancrede and Dr. Parker being authorities on gun-shot wounds, gave their advice most willingly. Some surgeons brought their own private instruments and lent

them to others in cases of need. The supply of instruments was insufficient, probably owing to the same reasons as other shortages; particularly was that noticeable in certain kinds of instruments. For instance, there was not a pair of curved scissors or a flesh retractor, except those that were the private property of some of the surgeons.

On the night of the 3rd we expected to be able to rest a few hours, but during the day the fleet had fought its battle, and a number of Spanish wounded prisoners were taken off by the various ships. Dr. Lewis, chief surgeon of the *Harvard*, who assisted in attending the wounded at the hospital at Siboney, invited Dr. Parker, myself, and the Sisters to help him in attending the wounded Spaniards, to which we gladly responded, and spent the night on the *Harvard*. The following day we were able to sleep a few hours, while Major La Garde and his staff began early in the morning. We returned in the afternoon, having had a few hours' rest, and continued with our duties at the operating table. Thus hundreds were attended, and, I believe, received such care as any field hospital could offer."

(To be continued).

Legal Matters.

A BOGUS NURSE.

CATHERINE GILLESPIE, whose arrest we recorded in our last issue, was charged on remand at Birmingham last week with stealing underclothing, valued at 17 guineas, from William Hardwick, 27, Great Western Arcade, and three ladies' costumes from Messrs. T. and G. Williams, 63, Corporation Street. The prisoner called at Mr. Hardwick's shop on June 29th, in nursing uniform, and asked to see some good underlinen for a lady about to be married. The assistant, believing her to be a hospital nurse, packed three large boxes of things selected, and sent them, on approval, addressed "Nurse Wintle, Mayfield, Erdington. To be left till called for," to the parcels office at New Street Station. About the middle of July, the prisoner, who was lodging in Moseley Street with a woman named Hufton, gave her one shilling to pay for some parcels which she said she was expecting. She did not return, but on August 2nd sent a telegram, "Married. Wire twenty shillings. Will explain to-morrow. Kit Wintle." As the prisoner had not paid anything for her lodgings, Mrs. Hutton did not send the money. "Kit Wintle" called for her parcels the following day, but the woman refused to let her take them away until she had paid for her

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