

### CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The King and Queen are indefatigable in visiting the sick and wounded who have returned from the front. On Saturday their Majesties visited the wounded officers at Mrs. Hall Walker's Hospital, Sussex Lodge, Regent's Park, and also at 43, Belgrave Square, S.W., where Lord and Lady Aberconway have converted their beautiful house into a hospital for the wounded; they have also placed Hilders, their residence at Haslemere, at the disposal of the Surrey Territorial Association as a convalescent home for Territorials.

Earlier in the week the Queen made a special journey down to Paignton to see the American Women's Hospital at Oldway House, which was recently described in these columns, giving great pleasure to the patients. Her Majesty considered the position of the hospital ideal, and expressed much satisfaction with its equipment. The Queen has also visited the Campbell Hospital for Officers, at 10, Cambridge Square.

The King and Queen on Tuesday visited the military hospitals at Balmer Lawn and Forest Park in the New Forest, inspected the huts now being erected at Brockenhurst for the wounded Indian soldiers and the Morant War Hospital.

The Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society has sent a further contribution of £5,000 bringing the total up to £36,330, irrespective of £3,000 received from the Commonwealth towards motor ambulances, and Queen Alexandra has sent the following telegram through Sir George Reid, the High Commissioner, to Lady Helen Munro Ferguson:—

"As President of our British Red Cross Society, I am most deeply grateful to the Australian branch and to the Commonwealth for their magnificent gifts to our Society of £36,330 and £3,000 (for motor ambulances), sent me through the High Commissioner.—ALEXANDRA."

The British Red Cross Society report that during the week ending November 11th eighty-four motor ambulances have been despatched to the front. Four of these are being used temporarily at Southampton, and one is at present helping in Oxford. Four cooks have been engaged; four mechanics have left; chauffeurs are still being engaged at the rate of about twenty per day, to supply the needs of the average despatch of ambulances.

Princess Christian last week paid a visit to the Queen Mary and Princess Christian Hospital at South Queensferry on the Firth of Forth, where there are at present a number of sick cases from the Fleet in the wards, and afterwards visited Lady Beatty, wife of Rear-Admiral Sir David Beatty, on board the steam yacht *Sheila* which is now equipped as a hospital ship.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, accompanied by Prince Alexander of Battenberg, last week visited Middlesex Hospital, where a large number of sick

and wounded soldiers are being treated. Her Royal Highness remained at the hospital for an hour and a half, and conversed with many of the wounded men.

The Second London General Hospital, at St. Mark's College, was honoured by a visit from Princess Henry of Battenberg on Monday afternoon. Her Royal Highness was received by the Matron, Miss Riddell, and was escorted round the Surgical Wards. Many of the patients, including a number of wounded Belgian soldiers, received from Her Royal Highness a few words of kindly sympathy.

One hundred beds at University College Hospital are now set apart for sick and wounded soldiers, and are filled by patients from the base hospitals of France. The majority are English soldiers, but there is also a proportion of Belgians.

At a meeting at the Liverpool Exchange News-room, when an appeal was made by Dr. Haden Guest for the provision of a base hospital for wounded soldiers in France by the citizens of Liverpool, the Earl of Derby, who presided, promised £1,000 and £10 a month till the conclusion of the war. Mr. William Caine and his brother promised £3,000, and guaranteed £2,000 for the working expenses of the first month.

Dr. Haden Guest pleaded for a hospital "to go straight as an arrow to the mark where the need is at the moment."

A fortnight ago at Calais the Belgian wounded were coming in at the rate of one thousand a day. They had reports of men lying about in the streets with their wounds uncared for, and others with their injuries bound up with strips of trousers, there being no doctors or nurses to deal with the emergency.

The Red Cross Society had a short time before been provided with appliances by the Baltic Corn Exchange in London, and they were able at once to send out a hospital to deal with the emergency at Calais. Lord Knutsford informed him that he found amazingly perfect arrangements at Calais, and that was simply because the Baltic Exchange had sent a hospital to do the work.

The recent arrivals in Dublin of wounded soldiers from France have taxed the accommodation available in the general hospitals; and Sir Thomas Myles proposes that a temporary wooden or iron hospital should be established in the Phoenix Park capable of holding 1,000 beds. He thinks that the control of the nursing should be in the hands of trained nurses and that women who have recently been training in hospitals to prepare them for emergency work might work under them.

Some 700 wounded officers and men were recently taken to Dublin from Boulogne by the hospital ship *Oxfordshire*. Many of the cases were serious, a number of them being cases of septic wounds. Most of them were received by the

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