

never lost one. I cannot tell you what a comfort it has been having so many delightful warm things for our men. The patients often say they would not mind if they got no further than the train. And really they are well cared for. The way our Major looks after them is splendid. The food is first-class—hot fresh meat stews, with vegetables piping hot, and often eggs for their breakfast, and sardines for tea, and then cocoa and bread and butter for supper. This is after a life of bully beef and biscuits in the trenches. No wonder they are grateful! The train is beautifully heated, and the wards for the stretchers are most comfortable. We all love being on the train, as there is so much one can do, and the work is intensely interesting. But I must confess that without your work at home we would be sadly handicapped, as it is not much use doing "dressings" and arranging pillows, and then expecting people to say they are comfortable if they are left lying in soaked shirts and socks. Not that No. 2 train ever is wanting, as, thanks to you good folks at home, we now have more than enough for each journey, and keep a supply waggon of our own, in case we ever do run short. But I often wish that the people at home would only realise that they are doing just as much for their Tommies as we are here. This weather has been awful on the poor souls' feet: It is really dreadful the number we take down with frost-bitten feet, and it is no wonder as they are up to their waists in water in many of the trenches."

The Chelsea War Refugees Committee, Crosby Hall, Chelsea, of which Miss M. A. Childers is Hon. Secretary, point out that the Belgians who are fighting amongst the ruins of their old homes have no one to send them warmth and comfort for body and mind. There are Belgians refugees in this country who would gladly work for their soldiers, but they have no means to buy materials and can only give their labour. Gifts of money and of grey and natural flannel, and of wool, neutral or

dark in colour, will be gratefully received by Mrs. Ernest Davies, C.W.R.C., at Crosby Hall, and the garments made with these gifts will be made by Belgians for Belgians and sent out without delay.

The birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the most American President of the United States, has been selected by the American Women's Relief Fund, as an appropriate opportunity to make an appeal in the name of humanity for support of the war hospital, established by them at Paignton, South Devon. The committee have taken for their motto, Abraham Lincoln's own words: "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace," and they appeal for one dollar as an offering to his memory.

Mr. James Berry, the senior surgeon at the Royal Free Hospital, has telegraphed that the hospital unit taken out in charge of himself and his wife for the treatment of wounded Serbian soldiers has arrived, and that the hospital has been established at Krush-evatz, in Serbia. The unit consists mainly of past and present members of the medical and nursing staff of the Royal Free Hospital.

The King and H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Greece visited the *Erin*, when she arrived at the Piræus and displayed great sympathy and interest in the details of the Red Cross Mission to Serbia. The party have now arrived in Serbia.

At the Kensington Town Hall on Thursday, February 11th, Mrs. St. Clair Stobart made an effective appeal on behalf of the hospital she is organizing for Serbia, from which gallant little country the piteous cries of distress have been insistent. The collection taken in the room amounted to over £81; the first donation announced being one of £1 from the Bishop of Kingston, who was unable to be present.



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