

## CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

This year the Christmas festivities, organised by the Ladies' League of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, were brought to a conclusion last Saturday afternoon, when a delightful entertainment and tea were given in the new hospital for the patients.

The new hospital, which was opened in July last by H.M. the Queen, is carrying on, under greatly improved conditions its valuable work for women suffering from the diseases to which their sex in particular is liable. The wards, small as in the old hospital, are of homely and very attractive appearance, the out-patient department, where the entertainment took place, is excellently arranged and equipped, and when the new Nurses' Home is built the full advantage of the whole scheme will be realised. The Queen has in many ways given her invaluable support to the undertaking, and most generous assistance has also been received from the late Earl Cadogan, who gave the site, worth £22,000, from the Trustees of the Zunz Bequest, who, by recent payment of £5,000, have completed their grant of £10,000 and from the Chairman, Mr. Dyer Edwardes, who released the hospital from a mortgage of £4,000.

At present fifty-seven of the eighty beds are in occupation for patients, the remainder are being used by part of the nursing staff until the new Nurses' Home is built. A sum of £23,000 is still needed.

Those on the look-out for a very valuable hospital to support might pay a visit to the Chelsea Hospital for Women, when we feel sure the Secretary, Mr. Herbert H. Jennings, will enlist sympathy for the good work.

## SUPPLY OF NURSES COMMITTEE.

The Supply of Nurses Committee has sent in its report to the War Office. In the meanwhile we hear constantly of trained nurses whose services do not appear to be required. It is specially hard that such nurses should be required to get and pay for uniform at their own expense. If not called up in three months, why not send in the bill to the Matron who advised the expenditure?

## EDITH CAVELL HOMES.

The Committee of the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses are making an urgent appeal for funds, signed by the Chairman, Lieut. Colonel Sir Richard C. Temple, Bart., C.B. It is claimed that there is great need for such Homes of Rest for both military and civil nurses. Subscriptions can be sent to the Hon. Secretary, at 25, Victoria Street, S.W.

## CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

We regret that we have not space this week in which to comment on the Report of Colonel H. A. Bruce, Special Inspector General on the above Service. We shall refer to the matter in a future issue.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK.

## "BECAUSE IT WAS WRITTEN."\*

The pathos of this book lies in the dedication, "To my only son, who fell in action against the Prussians"; also that it is not a work of the imagination, not a romance, but rather a record—the tale of several lives that were caught in the maelstrom of war—lives which this authoress knew intimately.

The scene opens on the verandah of a lovely villa at Peterhof, on the Baltic Sea, where two women were sitting in close conversation. The theme was the betrothal and marriage of the younger, a beautiful, fair-haired girl of eighteen. The elder woman was the rich and unhappy wife of Count Serge Wolynsky, a man high in the Russian social circle, whose infidelities were notorious.

His wife, still young, was of noble character and of attractive personality, and the young doctor, Cyril Kouzminsky, in attendance upon her frail little stepson, gradually grew to love devotedly this injured, dignified woman.

Little Macha, impatiently waiting for the coming of her young fiancé, a handsome young officer in the uniform of the Cuirassiers of the Guards, was all unaware of the black thunder cloud which threatened Europe in the August of 1914. The news that he brought on his eagerly-expected arrival fell like a bomb, shattering the young girl's radiant happiness.

The chronicle goes on to tell of her marriage and parting with her young husband, of the avowal of love between Serge Wolynsky's unhappy wife and Cyril, of their determination not to expose themselves to temptation, and her urging of him to offer his services to his country.

"Start as soon as you possibly can, though my heart breaks at the thought of your going."

"Beautiful you are, Wera; beautiful in your body as in your soul. I feel all unworthy, but still, I know we could never go on as we are. Out there—oh, I must say it just once—your love will make me strong—keep me strong to do the great work Russia will ask of her men."

"God have you always in his keeping, my hero."

Frivolous little Macha and eventually Wera both train as Sisters of Charity and work under the Red Cross. Wera for a time has to remain by the bedside of the little dying Wania, who on his deathbed sends for his father and requests him to love again his wife.

Wera, with the remembrance of Cyril's love, promises her husband, who is overcome with remorse for his former conduct, that she will remain faithful to him, ere he too takes up arms for his country.

Simply, but with convincing realism, are presented terrible incidents of the war.

Particularly horrifying is the description of the brutality of Von Hindenburg, who had, through

\* By Princess Catherine Radziwill. Cassell & Co., London.

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