

Miss Henderson, the administrator of the Unit of the Scottish Women's Hospitals Fund which served in the Dobrudja, is now at home telling her graphic story to interested audiences, and collecting funds. Speaking at Wimbledon of the Rumanian retreat, she said:—"What war means in an invaded country can be realised only by those who have been in that country and seen it. To be with an army in retreat is to realise the humiliations of war; while to see a civilian population flying for their lives is assuredly the saddest aspect of war. It obscures the 'glory' of war, but strengthens the determination to 'see it through' to the end, so that such suffering and loss as we have known shall not be in vain, and that we may ensure peace and maintain it. Enforcing the great need for such hospital units, Miss Henderson mentioned that in one area there were only seven doctors and hardly any nurses. When another division was formed, the Scottish Unit were ready to go with it, and they felt that this work was not only succouring the wounded, but cementing international friendships."

It must not be supposed that because America has hitherto been amongst neutral nations, that her leaders in the nursing world have not been preparing for possible eventualities. America has quietly been perfecting its organization, and last year military medical officers took the opportunity of studying the British Military Nursing system in England and elsewhere.

Should the United States in defence of its people be drawn into war, owing to the German threat of murder on the High Seas, the American National Red Cross Society will be found in a wonderfully perfect condition, Miss Delano having organized, in recent years, a splendid auxiliary of thousands of trained nurses, who can be mobilized at very short notice.

### JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

Lady Ormonde and Lady Constance Butler have in turn taken charge of the domestic side of the Joint War Committee Hospital for Facial Injuries, 24, Norfolk Street, Park Lane, W., but they no longer do so. Lady Makins—who, it will be remembered, was a St. Thomas's Sister before her marriage—is Matron of this Hospital.

#### ABROAD.

The following Nurses have been deputed to duty abroad:—

*Boulogne Headquarters.*—Miss E. Dawson, Miss L. Goldberg.

### CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

By the King's command, at the opening of Parliament, the Royal Gallery was set aside to enable wounded soldiers of the Overseas forces to witness the State procession as it proceeded to the House of Lords. Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank, and other of the principal military hospitals in the metropolis, sent their quota. Medical officers and an emergency staff of nurses were on duty, and a number of orderlies with carrying chairs for the more helpless. A certain proportion of nurses from the staffs of the hospitals concerned received tickets, the total with patients and nurses being 400.

A fair, under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society will be held on February 15th, 16th and 17th, at the Central Hall, Westminster. Princess Patricia has promised to open it. Each borough taking part will have its own stall surmounted by its coat of arms. An interesting feature will be an exhibition of drawings, prints, and models, lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, and arranged by Mr. C. J. S. Thompson. These will illustrate ancient methods of ambulance and treatment of the sick and wounded. The proceeds will be used for Red Cross work in the county itself, mainly for the support of the auxiliary hospitals, which are ever increasing in number.

On January 5th, on the invitation of Dr. Louise McIlroy, surgeon-in-charge, M. Venizelos honoured the Scottish Women's Hospital at Salonika, with a visit when he was received by members of the medical staff.

M. Venizelos, who charmed everyone by his kindness, sincerity and straightforwardness, visited the wounded in the tents, and asked many questions about the work of the hospital, and expressed his surprise that it was managed by women only, and the opinion that it reflected great credit on British organisation and education. He was specially interested in the operating and X-ray room, and was much surprised at the low death-rate. On being told by Dr. McIlroy that it was due to good luck, he replied, "It is not due to good luck; it is due to your good surgery." He took tea with the staff, and asked many questions as to the whole organisation and arrangements, and expressed the great pleasure it had been to him to see such work done by women.

**QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.**—The special requirements of this Society at the present time are: Mufflers, hose tops, mittens and gloves, socks, flannel vests, helmets, flannel shirts.

All parcels to be sent to the hon. secretary, Q.M.N.G., Friary Court, St. James's Palace, S.W.

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