

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

THE MACKINNON HOSPITAL.

When Captain Mackinnon, of the London Scottish, went on active service in the early days of the war his wife opened their house at 46, Queen's Gate Terrace, S.W., for the reception of wounded officers. In a few weeks' time Captain Mackinnon was amongst those who fell in defence of King and Empire, and of the freedom of the world, and, ever since, Mrs. Mackinnon has maintained their house as an officers' hospital of twenty beds.

The Sister-in-Charge is Sister Jones-Evans, trained at the Salop Royal Infirmary, Shrewsbury, who shares the day duty with Sister Holland, trained in the same institution. Sister Dixon is on night duty, and seven V.A.D.'s, including two of Mrs. Mackinnon's sisters, complete the staff.

Most comfortable and restful the hospital seems to be. On the ground floor is a ward which opens into a lounge. The walls, grey in colour, tone admirably with the pretty flowered curtains, and each white bed has an eider-down covered with bright pink silk, the effect of which is charming, and this colour scheme is carried out throughout the house. On the floor above the French windows of the ward open on to a wide balcony, where are comfortable chairs in which the more convalescent patients can rest while enjoying the fresh air. On this floor, also, is the officers' dining-room, with service room, which has been arranged beyond. A gas stove has been installed, and a sink for washing up, and other conveniences added to make the service of food as easy and perfect as possible.

On the floor above is the operating theatre, which is fitted very completely with up-to-date fixtures, appliances, and instruments.

There are also two single wards used for cases requiring special attention and quiet, or for such potentates as colonels, who like a room to themselves.

On the ground floor, at the back of the house, is a room used by the nursing staff; all the rest are given up to the patients. It has French windows

opening on to a small garden, a fact fully appreciated by the three months' old puppy—a Clumber spaniel—whose handsome ears dip, to their detriment, into the saucer of tea which he so appreciates.

That the hospital serves the purpose for which it is designed is amply evinced by the way in which departing convalescents express the hope that if they are again returned to "Blighty" for treatment they may find themselves once more within its hospitable doors. It must be a satisfaction to their hostess that its work is so appreciated.

Food for the mind as well as care of the body is a great need of our wounded and convalescent

soldiers, and the excellent example set by the Great Northern Central Hospital, in organizing a series of lectures for soldiers warded there, might well be followed by many other hospitals.

"LIBERTY."

The lecture of this series for Friday, July 12th, was given by Mr. Shadrach Hicks, Principal of the Shoreditch Technical Institute. Mr. Hicks said that liberty was one of the spiritual forces which had moved men to noble and useful deeds through all ages. He said that it was a very strong quality in the character of the very earliest inhabitants of these islands, and traced its influence upon the history and development of the British people from the early days of the Witan to the present. He rightly

drew attention to the great Charter of 1215, and said that on that rock had been built not only British liberty, but also that of the Great American Republic, as well as of our Dominions beyond the Seas.

The future of the country was in the balance, and liberty in its widest and best sense would enable the people to produce a better standard of living and to develop personal character and the material resources of the Empire to their fullest extent. The men expressed their grateful thanks to Mr. Hicks, who promised to deal on a subsequent date with a similar subject.

Mr. F. Hammond, F.R.I.B.A., delivered the usual weekly lecture in the Military Annexe, on Friday, July 19th. His subject, which was illustrated by slides kindly lent by the Ministry



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