

science of combination, whether it be our own duty to fight in skirmishing order, or shoulder to shoulder in serried ranks. Just privates in the ranks, but of what an Army! Victory a certainty though we may not live to see it, and what a victory! How utterly worthy in the winning. Up, comrades, up and "onwards"—for, comrades, there is no power on earth can withstand an organised democracy mighty in the joy of comradeship.

The last address was that given by Major Marett Tims, R.A.M.C., on "Heredity and the War," illustrated by lantern slides. The subject, which is one of great interest and importance, was most attractively and sympathetically presented.

After a short interval, a very enjoyable concert and entertainment, to which Dr. Cecil Hazlehurst, Miss Dois Oldroyd, Miss Jessie Lyall, Miss Myfanwy Crawshaw, Miss Stollery, and others contributed much appreciated services, brought a memorable Conference to a close.

THE EXHIBITION.

The small, but very interesting exhibition in the Lecture Room well repaid a visit.

Men from Queen Mary's Auxiliary Hospital, Roehampton, demonstrated the use of the artificial limbs supplied by J. E. Hanger & Co., Ltd., Roehampton House. As one saw a man with one leg amputated in the upper third of the thigh, running readily the whole length of the room by means of one of the wonderful artificial legs supplied by this firm, one thought of the poor, mutilated soldiers one meets in the street and felt inexpressibly thankful that they, too, might be similarly fitted. These legs are made of willow, covered with cowhide, and strengthened with wire, and weigh 4 lbs. 4 ozs. A principal of the firm lost a leg in the American Civil War, and made his first artificial one from barrel staves.

Other wonderful appliances for armless men were shown by Anderson & Whitelaw, Ltd., of London, Birmingham, Glasgow, and Coventry.

From King George's Hospital, S.E., came photographs of the wonderful results attained by plastic operations, and models of false jaws and teeth, splints, &c., from the Maxillo Facial Hospital, Kennington.

An interesting collection of war relics included a prayer girdle worn by a Russian soldier, portions of a German shell and bomb from Poland, and a German balloon which is filled with hydrogen and sent off before a gas attack, to see that the currents of wind are right before letting off the gas. This one blew over into the lines at La Panne.

Some excellent photos and models from the Orthopaedic Hospital, Shepherd's Bush, showing the condition of the patient on admission, and after treatment, were extremely interesting, and demonstrations were being given of the use of the "Vee" Lightning Pin Bandage Fastener, which attracted considerable attention.

(To be concluded.)

VISIT TO ORTHOPÆDIC MILITARY HOSPITAL, HAMMERSMITH.

By the courtesy of Miss Flood, the Matron, about 25 Nurses and Matrons availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the above Hospital at Hammersmith on Wednesday, November 14th, under the arrangement of the N.U.T.N. Conference. The visitors were shown the Museum, with its most interesting collection of plaster casts and pictures, showing the exact conditions of the patient before and after treatment, also series of photographs demonstrating the progress at various stages of treatment. The Electric, Massage and Bath departments, where great interest was taken in the special apparatus for passive and other movements, also in the "Pools of Silence" for the treatment by warm water, with compressed air bubbling through it, of shell-shock patients, followed by a period of silent rest, in the adjoining rest room, and in all the other bath treatments.

The workshops were also shown, where the convalescent men are given the employment most fitted for their powers; where splints of all sorts are made, together with many other articles for Hospital use.

The magnificent dining hall, which seats 500, was shown, and the Band (patients) played for the visitors' benefit.

Laundries and kitchen were also shown, and one ward, after which a most welcome tea was provided and thoroughly enjoyed.

One of the Doctors most kindly acted as demonstrator, together with Miss Flood and one of the Sisters, and by the questions asked it was clear that the visitors intended learning all they could of the methods employed at the Military Orthopaedic Hospital.

THIRD LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL, WANDSWORTH.

By the kind invitation of Miss Barton, Miss Holden, and Colonel Bruce Porter, 28 Matrons and Nurses, wearing their badges of membership of the National Union of Trained Nurses, were conducted over this great London War Hospital on Monday, November 19th. This hospital, like many others, is a triumph of organisation and ingenuity. The main building was originally schools for children whose fathers fell in the Crimean war. The space being quite inadequate for the requirements of the War Office, it has been found necessary to expand by building huts on the ground at the back of the main building. This has been done by degrees as necessity arose. The accommodation is now for 843 officers and about as many men. Colonel Bruce Porter kindly acted as conductor, and spared no pains or trouble in explaining the many features of interest as he and the two Matrons led us through a maze of corridors and wards, &c. Our guide was careful to explain that there were three different kinds of hut of

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