

Many of the hospitals have placed beds at the disposal of the Naval or Military authorities, amongst them are St. Thomas's Hospital, the London Homœopathic Hospital, the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, St. Andrew's Hospital at Dollis Hill.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has placed Lambeth Palace at the disposal of the War Office authorities for hospital use in case of need.

Active preparations are being made at Hull, and elsewhere, on the East coast for the reception of the wounded in the event of a naval engagement.

The Duchess of Westminster is arranging and organizing a base hospital to go to the seat of war with all possible speed.

Several council schools at Grimsby are to be converted into temporary naval and military hospitals, and arrangements have been made by the authorities for several hundred beds to be furnished.

The Empress Eugénie's yacht *Thistle* is to be used as a hospital ship.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

Canadian surgeons and nurses who are not attached to the Regular Forces, the Territorial Forces, or the British Red Cross Society, and who are willing to give their services to the Canadian Voluntary Hospital Contingent, are requested to send their names with particulars of qualifications and experience to W. Macleod Moore, Hon. Secretary, General Buildings, Aldwych, London, W.C.

RAITH HOUSE.

Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson, Governor-General of Australia, has cabled directing his factor at Raith, Kirkcaldy, to offer Raith House to the Government as a military hospital.

LADY DUDLEY'S FIELD HOSPITAL.

By request of Australians Lady Dudley is equipping a voluntary field service hospital, which she will organize and accompany. Dr. Douglas A. Shields, an Australian surgeon, now in London, will be in professional charge. Funds for equipment are already guaranteed by Australians, but further donations, with a view to extension and maintenance, may be sent to Lady Dudley, 7, Carlton-gardens. A provisional equipment is actually ready for service at any moment.

WHERE TO VOLUNTEER.

Nurses wishing to volunteer for active service must do so at the office of the British Red Cross Society, which is now established at Devonshire House, Piccadilly, W., by the kindness of the Duke of Devonshire, who has placed the whole of the ground floor at the disposal of the Committee. Devonshire House is easily identified by the Red Cross flag which floats over it. Nurses engaged in hospitals or on the staffs of Private Nursing Institutions, or District Nursing Associations, should first get the assent of the Matron or Superintendent.

On enquiry at the Medical Department of the Admiralty, we learn that many applications are made there by nurses of varying qualifications. The authorities are not in need of nurses, or

desirous of enrolling them, and it is unlikely that their services will be utilized if offered there.

Many hundreds of applications are also made at the War Office. In both instances application should be made through the British Red Cross Society.

Applications for enrolment in the International Nursing Corps for Active Service in War, from three years' certificated nurses, should be made at the Headquarters of the International Council of Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London.

The Executive Committee of the National Union of Trained Nurses have decided to offer the use of their Central Office at 39, Great Smith Street, Westminster, as a clearing house for trained nurse volunteers.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

The Chairman of the London County Council summoned a special meeting of the Council for Tuesday last in view of the developments culminating in the war with Germany, which have taken place since the Council rose for the summer recess, when the first business on the Agenda was to assure the Paris Municipal Council and the Brussels Council of the pride with which the Council observes the strengthening at this supreme moment in the history of the nations of the bonds of amity which during past years have drawn the municipalities together.

The General Purposes Committee also reported that as a matter of urgency the chairman of the Council had authorized the opening on Wednesday, August 12th, of the public elementary schools, and of the feeding centres for necessitous children.

PRACTICAL HELP.

Bovril, Ltd., are on the list of firms which are helping the families of employees called up to the colours by continuing the payment of full wages to the relatives and dependents of all men in their employment, married or single, who are called up as reservists or territorials.

OBLIGATIONS TO COUNTRY.

Messrs. Welford & Sons, Ltd., Maida Vale, ask the indulgence of their customers under the very trying conditions now existing. They fully recognise their obligations to the country in yielding up and supplying men and horses for war requirements, and consequently there will be great difficulty in maintaining the service of supplies with the usual regularity, but every endeavour will be made to maintain a full and regular service and if any complaint arises they would esteem it a favour if intimation is addressed by letter to the Chief Offices, Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, when it shall receive most careful attention. The question of maintaining a regular service of butter and eggs causes a great amount of anxiety, the restricted supplies having caused wholesale prices to advance abnormally. Messrs. Welford beg to assure their customers that on no account will any undue advantage of prevailing conditions be taken, but their selling prices will be based upon a close working margin of profit only.

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