

THE WAR.

The Queen of Norway, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland, who is desirous of expressing her affectionate solicitude for her native country, and for her native county, Norfolk, has placed Appleton House at the disposal of the local authorities who are organising the exceptional measures at this time of stress.

The business of transforming Salisbury Road School, Plymouth, and the adjacent Baptist Church into a War Hospital (the 4th Southern General) is very near completion, and on Thursday, the 27th ult., the Mayoress of Plymouth paid this institution a visit and gave a freshly cut rose to each of the soldier patients already under treatment there. Every little classroom is now ready for the reception of from six to ten wounded warriors, and the big rooms have been wholly converted into hospital wards of regulation pattern.

The staff already consists of: Matron, Miss Tait McKay; Sisters, 22; Nurses, 65. Gifts are flowing to the hospital with a freedom that causes the Matron's heart to rejoice. The St. Blazey and Par Red Cross Society have undertaken to send six dozen fresh eggs weekly for the invalids. Plants from the Countess of St. Germans. Gifts of that priceless—because unbuyable—hospital requisite, old linen, have been made by Mrs. Willcock and Mrs. Webber, Plymouth, and fine bundles of the various towels and cloths used in ward work, have been sent by Mrs. Rodgers, Plymouth. Welcome contributions have been made from the various working parties, St. Blazey and Par, Exeter, Blagdon, and from Mrs. Bolitho (Trewidden), Miss Fry, Miss Roberts, Miss Wills (Bristol), Miss Tweedy and Miss Heard (Truro), Mrs. Treffry (Fowey), Mrs. Liddon (Taunton) and others, while food for the mind in the form of a box of magazines has come from Mrs. Moore, of St. Clements, Truro. On Monday last 102 wounded soldiers from the front were admitted to the hospital.

We are informed that Messrs. Chas. Zimmermann & Co. (Chemicals), Ltd., 9 and 10, St. Mary-at-Hill, London, E.C., have generously forwarded all their supply of the well-known emergency bottles to the seat of War. These will be despatched by the British Red Cross Society, who have also accepted the gift of 1,000 gallons of Lysol to be drawn on when required for military purposes.

LECTURES AT THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

A course of lectures to assist school teachers and other students entering for the examination in school hygiene, including elementary physiology, and for women health visitors, tuberculosis visitors and school nurses, will be given at the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., commencing on Monday, October 19th, at 7 p.m. For further particulars, application should be made to the Secretary.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

The Queen paid a surprise visit last week to the headquarters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London; and made a tour of inspection of the various departments. Her Majesty subsequently visited the St. John Ambulance warehouse, and ordered a large consignment of clothing and hospital requisites for despatch with a party of nurses, who are leaving at once for Antwerp, in response to the appeal from the British Minister at Antwerp.

With the approval of her Majesty the Queen it has been arranged that a meeting of one representative of each of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, the St. John Ambulance Association, and the British Red Cross Society, shall be held every Wednesday afternoon at St. James's Palace. The object of the meeting is that the three societies shall compare notes in order to ascertain what garments and articles have been received by each society, and what are the special requirements for the following week.

A statement will then be issued to the Press, and the various branches of the societies and heads of working bodies throughout the country should look for this weekly announcement.

A meeting was held at 35, Park Lane, last week, by permission of Lady Grosvenor, to establish a West-end depot in connexion with the work of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and for supplying information as to ambulance and nursing arrangements, the making of garments for sick and wounded soldiers and refugees, &c. Members of the committee, which includes the Duchess of Somerset, Lady Falkland, Lady Sydenham, Lady Borthwick, Lady Egerton, the Hon. Mrs. White, and Lady Maxwell Lyte, will attend daily at 35, Park Lane, from 11 to 6 to answer all inquiries.

Gifts of money and garments should be addressed to Mrs. Oliver, care of Countess Grosvenor, 35, Park Lane, W.

On all sides the present crisis has shown that women, as well as men are anxious to do what they can to serve their country. The trained nurses, like the soldiers, are happy in having a definite sphere of action, for which they have been prepared by years of special training, and in which they are indispensable and supreme. But purposeful women are turning their attention to many other channels through which their services can be usefully employed and are sparing no pains to give aid in the direction in which their work seems to be needed. No doubt, as time goes on the channels through which assistance can be effectively rendered will become more and more apparent.

The Executive Committee of the National Relief Fund includes Mrs. McKenna, Miss Mary Macarthur, Lady Kerry, and Miss Violet Markham,

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