

Another interesting department is the large store room, with galleries running all round it, from which every conceivable need of the hospital can be supplied.

The nursing staff are very fortunate in their quarters, a cosy bedroom, comfortably furnished, is apportioned to each, and the large and cheerful sitting room is plentifully supplied with easy chairs. The dining-room looked very attractive decorated with bright autumnal flowers, for which the screens dividing the dining and sitting rooms formed an admirable background. The chapel has for the time being been utilised for both purposes.

It was good to know that the soldiers of the King, incapacitated for a time from serving with the Colours, were recovering health and strength under the skilful and tender care they are receiving at Stobhill, in such an invigorating and charming environment.

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NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

NURSING HELP FOR NON-COMBATANTS ABROAD.

The Society of Friends hopes to send out, under the auspices of the Association des Infirmières Visiteuses de France, trained nurses to work among the inhabitants in the devastated regions of France. The offer of a detachment of doctors, nurses and orderlies for this work has been warmly welcomed by the Authorities in Paris, and as soon as permission has been obtained from the Military Government to enter the zone which is under military control, the expedition will set out.

It will work in close co-operation with the Comité du Secours National, which is sending food and other help into these regions, but the latter had not been able to complete this scheme with any hygienic measures and seized upon the suggestion to send doctors and nurses, particularly nurses, with great eagerness—the only doubt being expressed whether enough of them could be sent.

The Expedition is providing its own transport and outfit, and though lodging may be possible to obtain in some places, those who go with it must be prepared for anything. They will follow behind the "sweepers up" of the Army and must be prepared to find typhoid and many other miseries which must follow in the train of the fierce battles which have been fought over the ground.

The Association des Infirmières Visiteuses de France, two of whose nurses have been trained by the Q.V.J.I.N. in England, had been doing splendid work in Paris before the war broke out, but as almost all its nurses belonged to the Croix Rouge they had to go as soon as it was mobilized, and there are now hardly any left, none at all in most of the boroughs, and their work is being done by lay people who have no kind of training. Cases of typhoid are already beginning, and as the hospitals are very largely cleared for wounded,

the civil population of Paris is likely to come off very badly.

The National Union of Trained Nurses is sending two of its members who are generously giving their services to work for the Association. If funds permit it is hoped to send more help of this kind to Paris, either through the Society of Friends or otherwise. It is felt that to help to mitigate the suffering in the homes of the people, perhaps save the lives of some of the children, whether in Paris or in the devastated regions, will show by personal sympathy and contact, the depth and reality of England's feeling for those who have suffered so much.

Further information on this interesting subject has been received, we regret to say, too late for publication.

THE REFUGEE DEPÔT AT EARL'S COURT.

The Local Government Board has done wisely in placing the organisation of the large Depôts for Belgian Refugees at the Alexandra Palace, and at Earl's Court Exhibition Buildings in the hands of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. The Board and its Medical Superintendents and Matrons are accustomed to deal with large numbers, and it takes first class organisers to introduce discipline and order—both of which are necessary for smooth working and comfort—amongst a heterogeneous crowd, more especially when it is composed of foreigners who do not understand a word of English, and who, after the harrowing experiences of the past weeks, have in a more or less dazed condition taken refuge in this country.

Down at Earl's Court Dr. Bruce, Medical Superintendent of the Western Hospital, Fulham, and Miss L. A. Morgan, Matron of the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, serene and smiling, are dealing with the problem, and bringing order out of chaos. On Wednesday evening last week the Exhibition closed, on Thursday morning the M.A.B. took possession, and the same evening 400 refugees were admitted. On Sunday night over 1,700 slept there, and on Monday evening 500 more were expected. Imagine receiving, registering, classifying, and making arrangements for bathing, feeding, and sleeping this huge family, in an empty building. The bathing is done at public baths near by, and the able-bodied feed in a huge dining-room with rows upon rows of tables.

Of course, amongst such a number there are some, especially children, who need hospital care, and a charming hospital has been arranged in the Garden Club. An oak panelled room with doors wide set on to the garden—where bright flowers are still blooming—and windows screened with fresh muslin curtains, makes an attractive ward. The brown tone of the walls is repeated in the soft coloured rugs on the beds, and the screens which harmonize with both, and the

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