

is terrible distress. There are plenty of people to nurse the wounded, but by no means enough for the cholera, typhoid, typhus and other diseases which are reported to be raging there. "We are quite willing," says Miss Thurstan, "to go to the front and nurse the wounded, or to stay at the back and nurse the pestilence, and are offering our services for this purpose to the Russian Red Cross. Mercifully I know just enough Russian to make myself understood."

The only way to Russia from Copenhagen is through Sweden and Finland, and Miss Thurstan will call on the National Associations of Nurses in each country, as both had charming delegates at Cologne at our last great International Council Meeting. A letter of introduction as a member of the International Council has been sent to Miss Thurstan, as she lost everything, including papers, at Charleroi, and it is indeed marvellous that through its agency the nurses of the world can now be hospitably received in nearly every country by their colleagues with whom they are professionally affiliated.

*Reuter* reports that the Municipality of Le Mans has granted the British Army the concession of a cemetery where soldiers dying in hospital may be buried, their graves being marked by flags, carefully tended, and fresh flowers being placed on them every week.

In one of the newest tombs lies Miss W. Bell, an English girl, aged 19, who, while tending the wounded in the firing line, had both her legs broken by a splinter from a shell.

She was taken to the British hospital at Le Mans, where she died of her wounds.

One wonders how an English girl of 19 got into such a position. Surely the military authorities could not have sanctioned service from one so young.

## THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The Honble. W. H. Goschen has been appointed joint Hon. Secretary with Lady Perrott of the Queen's Special Ladies' Committee; and Miss Swift (formerly Matron of Guy's Hospital), and Miss G. Rogers (formerly Matron, Royal Infirmary, Leicester), have been co-opted on to the Committee—so that, with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the nursing profession is represented on the Queen's Committee, which has a large interest in the care of the sick and wounded at home and abroad. A very high standard of training and efficiency is now enforced for the nurses employed—as naturally the Order is of opinion that only the very best is good enough for our soldiers, and, indeed, for any soldiers.

The Order has supplied thousands and thousands of comforts of all sorts for the soldiers; but so much is needed that any amount of things are still required—blankets, flannel shirts, socks—and Bovril, Oxo, Benger's, Horlick's Malted Milk,

Glaxo, Virol, King's Oatmeal, Vitafer, Robinson's Barley, Allen & Hanburys' invalid foods, and cocoa are invaluable in the sick ward, and for convalescent patients. Send some to St. John's Gate if possible.

A Joint Committee of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, and the British Red Cross Society, has been formed which will sit through the War, to secure co-ordination and united action in work common to both bodies. This should prevent overlapping and confusion.

A Committee has also been formed to deal with the establishment of Anglo-French hospitals under St. John Ambulance Association and the British Red Cross Society. The Committee will consist of The Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., the Right Hon. Sir Claude Macdonald, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., the Right Hon. Sir Maurice de Bunsen, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Sir Henry Norman, M.P., Dr. Haden Guest, Dr. Wm. Butler (Deputy-Medical Officer of Health, L.C.C.), and Dr. Fox-Symons.

"Chivalry and the Wounded" is the name of a little book, by E. M. Tenison, just published by L. Upcott Gill & Son, Ltd., the object of which is to describe the activities of the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem from 1014-1914. This appreciation of the inspiring past and strenuous present of a great chivalrous ideal for the service of humanity, is dedicated by permission to Adeline Duchess of Bedford, Lady of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem, and Chairman of the Ladies' Committee of the Order of St. John, who has presented a copy to the members of her committee. All those who find inspiration for the present in the high traditions of those who have gone before, should secure a copy of the book without delay.

Princess Victor Napoleon, cousin of the King of the Belgians, who was accompanied by her husband, Prince Victor Napoleon, and the Duchess of Vendome, King Albert's sister, paid a visit last week to St. Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill, N.W.

About thirty Belgian soldiers are under treatment at the institution, and the visit of the Princess and her suite was to all of them a joyous occasion.

The Duke of Vendome was received on his visit at the hospital by Monsignor Carton de Wiart, brother of the Belgian Minister of Justice, and by the Matron, Sister Rose Ignatius, the head of the beautifully-named Order of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God.

These members of the Belgian Royal Family also visited St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to cheer the Belgian patients. On Sunday sixty-one English wounded were admitted to the hospital.

The Grand Duchess George of Russia has arranged a charming little hospital at Harrogate for the care of wounded English soldiers.

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