

THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The base hospital which has been accepted by the War Office from the University of Toronto will be of as high a standard of efficiency as the university authorities can make it. The hospital will consist of 1,040 beds and the nursing staff will consist of two Matrons and 84 nursing sisters. One hundred nurses fully trained have also volunteered.

Mr. Tennant has given Lord R. Cecil an assurance that no case of nerve strain in soldiers who have been invalided has been or will be placed under asylum administration. Cases in military hospitals if transferred on discharge as certifiable lunatics to county asylums come before a board of military medical officers and are certified under the Lunacy Act.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Astor, a Canadian Hospital has been established in the covered tennis court and grounds of Cliveden, in Buckinghamshire.

Mr. Astor has arranged for stores, kitchens, convalescent buildings, and recreation rooms. The main hospital is divided into four wards, two of which contain 20 beds, and two 26 beds. At one end there is a gallery containing six beds. There is also a long ward outside for eight beds.

Colonel Chas. R. Gorrell, of the Canadian Medical Service, is in charge, assisted by four medical officers, a matron, and 16 Canadian trained nurses. Plans are being prepared for erecting huts on the ground a little below the level of the present hospital to accommodate 500 patients.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Liverpool (Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rayner) last week gave an At Home to bid farewell to the doctors, the Matron (Miss Whiston), the Assistant Matron (Miss Wyles) and the nursing staff of the Liverpool Merchants' Mobile Hospital, provided for the treatment of wounded soldiers at the front. It is the largest and best equipped field hospital of its kind that has ever been sent from this country. The staff comprises 10 doctors, 50 nurses, 40 orderlies, and other officials to the number of 112. Lieut.-Colonel Nathan Raw is the senior physician.

The Incorporated Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society is promoting the Lord Roberts Memorial Fund for Workshops for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers. This is a most timely and practical scheme, of which Sir Frederick Milner is the Hon. Treasurer.

The French Relief Fund, which is under the high patronage of M. Poincaré, President of the French Republic, announces a Grand Special Matinee at His Majesty's Theatre on Friday, March 26th, at 2.30 p.m. Many leading French and English artistes will appear.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

THE FRIENDS' AMBULANCE UNIT, DUNKIRK.

"The Hospital of the Friends' Ambulance Unit, which has been set up at Dunkirk in wooden huts, each holding twenty beds, is nearing completion, and very complete it is evident it intends to be, when the kitchen, administrative block, central linen store, &c., are finished. The Hospital is for the treatment of fevers, and there is a sanitary annex to every four wards, where the orderlies boil all bed-pans and urinals after use, all excreta are emptied into a large zinc tank. This is removed, emptied into a boiler, and when boiled a pipe then carries it into a pit.

"We learn that the French authorities seem to be very pleased with all the arrangements, although at present they are not complete. . . . The wards are beginning to look very nice. Each day we have something added, and now we have by way of furniture a large table, cupboard, and very nice little bedside tables instead of lockers at each bedside; they have a towel-rail at the head and a shelf underneath. . . . We have plenty of equipment, kitchen and nursing utensils; also a gas ring in each ward, and a large boiler outside for heating water. We have a movable bath between two wards. I am sure some of our nurses at home would envy us all the nice things we have for use. . . . Our poor patients nearly all walked in, and it was one of the most pathetic sights I have ever seen to see these men, ill and worn out to a degree, walking into hospital carrying their kit, some of them delirious and with high temperatures. Even now they don't seem to care about anything, and some of them have much improved in health, not having very much the matter but just utter weariness. . . . I pity the poor patients in a hospital I have visited here, the conditions were appalling. It is to be shut up."

The organisation of the Friends' Fever Hospital was assured from the first. Dr. Goodall, of the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, is on the staff for a time, and with Miss Drakard, the Matron, he insisted on a fully-qualified nursing staff, with general and fever training, who with male orderlies are quite capable of meeting any emergency which may occur.

THE GOLD TREATMENT OF TYPHOID.

A Sister writes from France: "I might as well take the opportunity of mentioning that I was very much interested in the account of "The Treatment of Typhoid" in last week's Journal, and think it would be a good idea to give a little description of the method employed here, and as the treatment is quite a new one, perhaps some will be glad to read about it. It is so entirely different from any I have seen, and the results are wonderful, though at first it seemed

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