

so that the expenses now amount only to about £10 weekly for coal, coke, lighting, wages, laundry, and housekeeping. This cost will be further reduced in the summer months.

The visiting Medical Officer of the Home is Lieutenant W. Ross-Stewart, I.M.S., from the Indian Hospital, at Hardelet.

THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

A HOME FOR DISABLED BELGIANS.

The opening of the Home for Disabled Belgian Soldiers at 45, Courtfield Gardens, Kensington, on May 10th, under the auspices of the Wounded Allies Relief Committee, was the occasion of a very interesting ceremony.

The house, which has been given for its present purpose, is fitted up for the reception of forty patients. On the ground floor the fine rooms are used as recreation, dining, and reception rooms. The upper floors are used as bedrooms, each bed being covered with a quilt of the Belgian national colours. The announcement that the Home would be opened by Her Imperial and Royal Highness the Princess Napoleon attracted a large and distinguished company. The forty inmates of the house, almost all of whom are short of at least one limb, acted as a guard of honour, and on the arrival of the Princess, who was accompanied by Prince Napoleon, sang the Belgian National Anthem. Her Royal Highness was received by Lord Swaythling, Chairman, and was presented by his little daughter with a beautifully bound book, containing a poem, "Les Blessés," by M. Emile Cammaerts. Commandant Maton read the address of welcome to the Princess, and also addressed words of encouragement and sympathy to the wounded.

The Princess, who before she began to speak had requested that the wounded might be seated, acknowledged the gift in a short address in French. She then shook hands with the men, and addressed a few words to each. She won all hearts by the gracious simplicity of her manner, and her dignified and impressive appearance was accentuated by the unobtrusiveness of her dress. Tea was distributed to the guests, and at five o'clock Her Royal Highness left, to the strains of "God save the King," sung lustily in broken English by the patients.

Commandant Maton is in charge of the Home, and the visiting surgeon is Mr. D'Esterre. The Matron, Miss Humby, is the only nursing representative. The object of the Home is to afford a temporary shelter "for those men who ordinarily settled in the country have occasion to come to London to be fitted at the Committee's expense with artificial limbs, and also for men discharged from convalescent homes at short notice without allocation to other quarters."

It was a very sad spectacle to see so many fine young men, maimed for life, and we hope that the Home will receive the support it deserves.

It was hard to realise that those bright smiling faces could belong to the victims of this hideous War.

Among the company present were Baron Goffinet, Mrs. Samuel, and Mrs. Harcourt.

A WAR SUPPLY DEPOT.

A War Hospital Supply Depot has been opened at 32, Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, W., on the lines of that which has been so successfully established in Kensington. The President is the Mayor of Marylebone, the Chairman and Hon. Treasurer Dr. W. S. A. Griffith, the Hon. Organiser Miss Ethel McCaul, R.R.C., and the Hon. Secretary Mr. Frank Jules, F.R.C.S. The house has been generously lent to the Committee by Mr. James Boyton, M.P. The rooms of the Depot have been fitted up for the following purposes:— A bandage room, for the preparation of all forms of surgical bandages, a surgical dressings room, a splint room, a pine-dressing room, a needlework room for the making of dressing-gowns, bed jackets, flannel shirts, pyjamas, and nightshirts, a slipper room for the making of all kinds of slippers for invalids, a linen room, where old linen is sorted, cut out and re-made to the best advantage, a stock room, where all goods are sorted and arranged ready for despatch, and a carpenter's room. The workers are voluntary, and, by a weekly subscription of a shilling from each, the running expenses of the Depot are covered, therefore the whole of the donations received are used for the purchase of materials required for making the supplies.

HELP FROM AMERICA.

Mr. William Potter, President of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, has left this country for France in order to confer with military authorities and with Sir William Osler (acting on behalf of the British Red Cross Society) as to the most convenient place for the establishment of a hospital of 1,000 beds, with a complete medical and nursing unit placed by the College at the disposal of the Allies. The Jefferson College has offered the services of 30 physicians, including bacteriologists and other specialists, to serve with the hospital.

THE URGENCY CASES HOSPITAL.

A member of the nursing staff writes as follows to Miss Eden, from the Urgency Cases Hospital at Bar-le-Duc:—

"Dear Miss Eden,—The weather here is now lovely and we are enjoying the change from the cold. We are now well used to the work and as far as I know we are all very happy; speaking for myself I am far happier than ever I expected to be. The work is just what I expected, and I do like nursing the French soldiers and making them comfortable and happy, though they do laugh sometimes at my French, but I understand pretty well what they say. I am glad the French soldiers like the hospital. One of my patients when he knew he had to go, asked if I would put

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