

price he must pay and it is paid quite cheerfully. Proud as Lucifer, he stands at least six feet in his heelless shoes of cowhide, and no king owns a finer figure than he. He walks as if he owned the hills even if he has nothing on but a sack or two stitched together with string. His poor meal of rye bread must not be begun without his saying grace; into battle he will not go without first partaking of the Holy Sacrament; and added to this he always adores his mother. . . There is one railway, and anyone who cares to may pay his fare, but all doctors, patients, or their relations, nurses and directors go free, and no one else travels. As to nursing conditions, there is one hospital in the country at Cetique; it is well equipped, but in time of war there is no room to treat any but soldiers. On the whole, things are improving, and there are now travelling medicos who stop at villages and try to improve sanitary methods, there is still, however, much to be done as epidemics of typhoid, typhus, and malaria occur every spring.

Tuberculosis has become prevalent following quickly on the new craze of shutting up their houses. The mortality among babies is terrible, mostly because they insist on covering the cots up entirely with a thick cloth. When ill or wounded there is no complaint, pain is borne without flinching, but they seem to think it no good getting well if they cannot fight again. There is something fine about this little nation always gallant and courageous, ready to help any honourable quarrel without fear and without any selfish thought.

Miss Helen Scott Hay, who it will be remembered went with a party of American Red Cross Nurses to Russia in the early days of the War, is now in Bulgaria, studying the language, as it has been decided to make a beginning with the project, postponed owing to the outbreak of war, for a training school for Bulgarian nurses. She writes: "I was sad to leave my beloved Russian soldiers, knowing I could not hope to see them again. They are rare sweet souls, and I trust Providence tempers the wind to these shorn lambs." No wonder Tolstoi loved them.

"Four of our American sisters transferred from Kief to Serbia, recently visited me here, en route. I am very thankful conditions in Serbia are so much better. The JOURNAL is always most interesting, and now especially so for the news of nursing at the front. Besides, it is all the nursing news I get and it is most welcome."

The War Committee of the Toronto Chapter of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario, makes the following statement in *The Canadian Nurse*: "The Titanic European War has called for the best that is in our country. Every class,

every profession and calling in our beloved land vied with each other in manifesting zeal for the alleviation of suffering humanity at the seat of war, and at the homes of the valorous soldiers of the Empire, where the offices of the nurse are so much needed. Many of our nurses have given their services to the sick and wounded without remuneration such as they would receive in following their profession at home, and in no instance has a call been made for additional nurses without a generous response, although the nature of their service demanded personal risk and the severe lot of those who minister to the maimed. As there were calls coming to the different hospitals for nurses, and Miss Gunn had received a letter from Miss Hersey, Montreal, asking if we could send six nurses who would volunteer to go to La Panne, France, the Toronto Chapter



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thought it better to call a meeting of the nurses belonging to the chapter. After some deliberation the chapter deemed it advisable to form a war committee, which would be composed of a representative from each of the six city hospitals, and one from the Florence Nightingale Association, namely, Miss Mary Hill, H.S.C., convener; Miss Neilson, T.G.H.; Miss Cooper, W.H.; Miss Irvine, G.H.; Miss Luney, Isolation H.; Mrs. Wigham, F.N.A., and Miss Weyer, St. M.H., secretary.

"Applicants will send their applications and credentials to the committee, only those who are fully qualified nurses to be accepted."

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