

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The Joint War Committee recently issued a full report of its various activities at home and abroad, and we learn that the Princess Christian Red Cross Hospital at Englefield Green, which was opened on September 11th, follows in the lines of general construction the Red Cross Hospital at Netley. The floor of each ward is extended eight feet beyond the front wall, so that, through doors in the centre, the beds can be wheeled out and, if desired, left there during fine weather under a covering of striped canvas stretched across to steel poles.

In order that all the patients shall equally share a beautiful view, the six pavilions, each containing twenty beds, are placed in a semi-circle facing the south.

Sir William Taylor, K.C.B., late Director General of the Army Medical Service, is Commandant for the hospital, and Miss Atkey has returned from Nairobi and has been appointed Matron by the War Office.

At King George Hospital, Stamford Street, all have had a busy time. Several members of the trained staff have gone on urgent service in the Near East, so forty members of the V.A.D. have gone into residence in the nursing home on whole-time service; forty others are to attend for half-day service. The Matron and Sisters have thus very serious responsibility as supervisors with upwards of 1,200 sick and wounded men to look after.

Queen Alexandra has given a second tripod telescope to enable the patients to enjoy the magnificent panorama of the Capital the roof affords. Let us hope that German prisoners, should there now be any in the hospital, will not be permitted on this coin of vantage!

Lady Wynne looks after the "joy rides," and every afternoon there is a concert indoors for those unable to enjoy the air.

A home at Hadley Wood, and Ardington House, Wantage, have been placed at the disposal of the Committee for the use of the nurses.

It is reported from France that 27 patients passed through the Nursing Sisters' Convalescent Home, Cornelot, and the average number in residence is 13.

The Welsh National Hospital at Netley has done much good work during the past year, and is now thoroughly established with its spacious wards, open corridors surrounded by shrubs, and bright country surroundings, and it was only fitting that Mrs. Lloyd George should pay it a visit. The hospital looked its best, and Colonel A. W. Sheen, the Commanding Officer, and the Matron, Miss E. G. Evans, were justly proud of it. The majority of the wounded had come from the Dardanelles, and found the endowed beds most comfortable, whether "Lloyd George,"

"Women's Suffrage," or "Welsh Dogs." The latter represents £250 collected by the dogs of Wales, and a photograph album of the dear doggies in their collecting costumes much interested the visitors. Gifts of cigarettes for the patients and flowers for the wards were greatly appreciated, and Mrs. Lloyd George expressed her great admiration of the hospital and the work it is doing.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is appealing for £20,000 with which to carry on, especially during the winter campaign, its work for sick and wounded horses. The society has erected complete veterinary hospitals for 2,500 horses, and is now building another A.V.C. hospital for 1,250 horses.

AN APPEAL FOR SERBIA.

Dr. V. H. Rutherford has recently returned from a tour of inspection of the Wounded Allies Relief Committee's Hospitals in Serbia and Montenegro. Of the Committee's original hospital at Kragujevatz—now enlarged and constituted by the Serbian Government the Third Base Hospital, with 600 beds—Dr. Rutherford says: "It is a really wonderful improvisation of stables, composed of two long wards, each containing fifty beds, with one or two extra rooms used for stores, &c., the whole reflecting great credit upon Dr. Lauwens" (the Belgian doctor sent out with the advance guard of the Unit). He further states that "an operating theatre has been fitted up, and is well equipped with the surgical instruments which the Committee recently sent out. To make the W.A.R.C. Hospital the very best in Kragujevatz, if not in the whole of Serbia, I now recommend an X-ray apparatus." The Committee has decided to carry out this suggestion, and appeals to the public for donations towards the cost of the apparatus and of the radiographer. It must be remembered that in Kragujevatz—a town with a population of 50,000—there is only one Serbian civil practitioner, and that the amount of illness among civilians is still appalling.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

We note that Sir Berkeley Moynihan has written to the *Lancet* to say he has for the last two-and-half years used green instead of white in his operating theatre, and finds it the greatest relief to the eyes. Walls, floors, sheets and towels are tinted of this restful shade. Nature knew what she was doing when she gave us tender green for leaf and lawn. It will be remembered the green sheet, shown by an operating Sister in Dublin, at the Nursing Exhibition, in 1913, aroused much interest. It was not dyed, but just a white sheet dipped in green colouring matter. Those who would like to know of the process should write to Miss Carson Rae, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, who helped to organize the very successful Nursing Exhibition in Dublin.

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