

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

On Monday, the largest military hospital in Middlesex was opened at Isleworth, in a building which has been taken over by a Board composed of members of the County of Middlesex Territorial Forces' Association, from the Brentford Guardians, and will accommodate over 300 patients. A considerable sum has been expended in altering and equipping it for its present purpose. The Matron and trained nurses are Canadians sent by the Canadian Government, assisted by voluntary workers.

At a recent meeting of the Scottish Federation of the N.U.W.S.S., held in Glasgow, Mrs. Hunter submitted a report on her recent visit of inspection, as chairman of the Scottish Women's Hospital Committees, to France, where she had been greatly impressed with the work being carried on at the Abbaye de Royaumont, and at the Chateau Chanteloup, Troyes. Dr. Frances Ivens, Liverpool, is in charge of the former. Provision is made at this hospital for 200 beds, and 50 beds in the Ambulance Volante. A donation of 25,000 fr. has been received from the French authorities on the opening of the second hundred beds at this hospital, on provision that the beds remain the property of the French Government at the end of the war.

Mrs. Hunter also reported that the hospital at Troyes, where Dr. M'Ilroy and Dr. Laura Sandeman are in charge, is arranged in tents for nursing, and contains 200 beds. The French authorities have been much impressed with the good results attained by the methods of treating the sick and wounded.

Miss Craigie, reporting on the Serbian hospitals, stated that there were four hospitals under the charge of the S.W.H.I., at Valjevo, Lazarovatz, Mladanovatz, and the original one at Kraguievatz. There were in all 925 beds. The hospital at Lazarovatz is purely a Serbian military hospital staffed by women surgeons and nurses. The Mladanovatz hospital is known as the "Madge Neill Fraser" Memorial, the funds having been largely subscribed by golfers throughout the Kingdom and Colonies. The subscriptions received to date are a little over £60,000, but with over 1,300 beds to maintain, in addition to the initial expenditure in equipping and staffing all the hospitals, an estimated weekly expenditure of at least £1,000 is being incurred, and the sum of £100,000 is necessary to continue the work undertaken, efficiently.

The *Daily Telegraph* will publish shortly, in conjunction with Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, a magnificent art picture-book on behalf of the Croix Rouge Française. Mr. Edmund Dulac, one of the most famous illustrators of the day, has painted a number of special pictures for this book, and the whole of his drawings will be reproduced in full colour. This beautiful book will be in great request as soon as it is on sale.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

THE VALEDICTORY MEETINGS.

The Valedictory Meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League, held at University Hall, Gordon Square, on October 1st, were attended by a large number of nurses. Practically every large hospital in London was represented at some time during the day; and members were present who are home on furlough from India and China, as well as one forced by the War to be absent from her station in Palestine.

ADVENTURE FOR GOD: INDIVIDUAL, NATIONAL AND MISSIONARY.

The main subject for the day was "Adventure for God: Individual, National and Missionary," and the first speaker—the Rev. D. C. Woodhouse, B.D.—began by turning his hearers' thoughts towards God as the greatest Hero. The chief qualities of a hero are courage, strong faith in his mission, and love; and all these Jesus Christ showed in a wonderful degree. From this, the speaker went on to his main subject, "the challenge of the present day to a great adventure"—mentioning first the call to adventure for self, against which we must ever be on our guard; secondly, the call to adventure for country, to which so many are responding nobly; and, thirdly, the call to adventure for God. Everything unreal or sham is being destroyed, and the call of to-day is for a tremendous earnestness and fresh consecration. The essential qualities for responding are humility, courage, a realisation of brotherhood in Christ, and increased love.

Mrs. Weir (St. Bartholomew's Hospital) was the next speaker, and she drew her hearers away in thought to her mission station in Korea. "We are all learning lessons about suffering in these days," she said, "but those of us who have been abroad know that it is nothing new"; and then she told of the terrible unnecessary suffering of the women in child-birth and of the little blind children, "but there are no blind girls in Korea, for a blind girl is no use, so they let her die"; and of the terrible results of the ignorant treatment of Korean doctors, who thrust hot and cold needles into most vital parts, by way of cure. In closing, Mrs. Weir said that when the War is over, many nurses will have broken away from their old life, and will be looking round for something else: surely, then, some will go out to distant lands as missionaries.

THE CONVERSAZIONE.

The afternoon gathering was in the nature of a conversazione, and nurses gathered together around the missionary members, or greeted with joy friends made at N.M.L. camps, or looked at the photographs of mission stations, or inspected the bookstall, where a specially favourite volume was the new book on medical missions, written by Dr. Henry Hodgkin.* Some songs were con-

* "The Way of the Good Physician," obtainable from any Missionary Society, price 1s. net.

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