

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The work of Scottish women during the war is a splendid record of efficiency, and conspicuous amongst it is the organisation of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, in which Dr. Elsie Inglis of Edinburgh has taken a distinguished part. These hospitals are to-day established in France and Serbia, and are rendering invaluable help and solace in these countries. Dr. Louise McIlroy is the Chief Medical Officer at the hospital near Troyes, and it is by the kindness of the editor of the *Ladies' Field* that we are permitted to publish the portraits of these two distinguished medical women.

The galleries at Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., are almost unrecognizable just now, but never were they put to a better use than at present, when, by the kindness of the President and Council of the Royal Academy, a large suite of rooms has been lent to the British Red Cross Society, to be used as Central Work Rooms, for the supply of hospital necessaries and comforts for the wounded at home and abroad.

The rooms were on view on Thursday, October 21st, the anniversary of the formation of the Joint War Committee and on the following day work began. The objects of the Work Rooms are two-fold.—(1) To provide accommodation for ladies who are willing to work without pay. About 400 of these workers will be registered, but the number working at one time is limited to 200. (2) To promote uniformity of method, to give instruction in making articles which are badly needed, and to prevent overlapping, by co-ordinating all parties working for the wounded in the United Kingdom and the Colonies. The scope of this branch of the work is therefore unlimited.

Turning to the right from the central vestibule bare of statuary, we enter a suite of pictureless rooms, the first of which is furnished as a Reception Room and an office, where the President, the Countess of Gosford, assisted by the Hon. Secretaries, Lady Constance Butler and Miss Vera Pragnell, interviews enquirers, and generally takes an active share in promoting the objects for which the Central Work Rooms have been estab-

lished. Here also is the desk of the Chairman, Sir George Pragnell, who is responsible for the harmonious working of the rooms with the Stores Department of the British Red Cross Society at 83, Pall Mall, which finances the workrooms.

In the next room is to be found the Hon. Matron, Mrs. Phillip Turner (wearing the cap of the Guy's lady pupil), explaining to interested listeners the uses of specimens of the articles to be made, displayed on the central table—triangular, many tail, roller and other bandages, swabs, small knitted squares, which can be easily fashioned by the fingers of old people, and little children, and many other useful articles.

On another table illustrated paper patterns and full directions for knitting cardigan jackets, woollen slippers, day socks, heel-less bed socks, woollen belts, gloves, and a variety of useful articles are supplied.

In this room also are racks for the blue overalls worn by the workers. These are made with turn down collars, big pockets, and each has on the left-hand side a red cross on a white ground.

In the garment and needlework rooms are many sewing machines which should accomplish an immense amount of good work, and last of the suite, but not least in importance, is the bandage room, furnished with fourteen tables covered with white American cloth, to each of which a bandage winder is fixed, so there is plenty of scope for many workers of varied talents, as a visit to these Central Work Rooms will speedily convince them.



DR. ELSIE INGLIS.

The munificence of the public in its support of "Our Day" for the wounded, will it is estimated bring in an enormous sum of money to the funds of the Joint War Committee. £3,000 and upwards is being spent daily in the work it has undertaken—so that there cannot be a penny too much for its needs.

In connection with the inauguration of the Star and Garter Red Cross Home, the Red Cross Committee have asked the Committee of the British Women's Hospital to raise the funds necessary for the new building proposal. The British Women's Hospital (2, Robert Street, Adelphi) confidently appeal to all British women at home and overseas to help them to raise the necessary sum of £50,000.

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