

quickly as possible to Serbia where there is urgent need of workers.

The hospital at Mlavanavatz has since been evacuated, but it is believed that the Austrian prisoners who are acting as orderlies will provide the necessary protection.

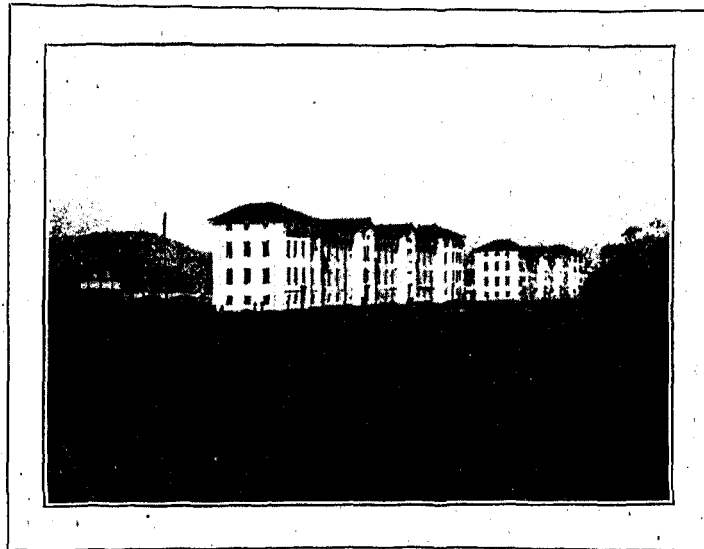
In view of the fact that the present influx of refugees into the towns may, it is feared, result in another epidemic of typhus, it is interesting to recall the work done at the typhus hospital at Skoplje (better known as Uskub), in the early months of the present year. The work has been described by Lady Paget in an interesting report, "With Our Serbian Allies," published by the Serbian Relief Fund; and we

are indebted to its Chairman, Mr. Bertram Christian, for the accompanying illustrations. When two blocks of buildings were handed over to the representatives of the Fund, about February 26th, there were cases of typhus in every ward of the hospital, spreading infection right and left. But the stables where the Austrian prisoners were quartered were the greatest danger. "At the entrance," Lady Paget writes, "we had to step through pools of filthy water which collected in the holes of the mud floor, and all along the sides; and down the middle wretched figures in foul old uniforms were huddled together on dirty straw. Many

were lying hidden under great coats—some shuddering, some quite still. As we lifted the coats, to look under, we found six dead bodies in a single building and no one to carry them away."

The deaths in the hospital were then from thirty to forty a day; with good nursing not a single death occurred for three days, and the Serbian authorities

rang up to know why the hospital had stopped sending in the daily return of deaths.



THE TYPHUS HOSPITAL, SKOPLJE (USKUB).

While the Hon. W. D. S. Macdonald was in Gisborne, New Zealand, a deputation of natives waited upon him to ask that the Government accept the services of native girls to assist in nursing Maori soldiers at the Front. Lady Carroll and others supported the request. Mr. Macdonald, in reply, said that it was gratifying to him, and to the Government generally, to notice the keen interest the native race was taking in the War. They were proud of the way the natives had come forward to offer men, money and food. The Maori people

had done credit to their ancestors and the people of New Zealand. He keenly appreciated their desire to send nurses to the Front, and so far as he possibly could he would try and get the request acceded to. In this matter, of course, the Government had to listen to those in authority; but he would place the request before the responsible Minister.



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