

## THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

We note that several newspapers are voicing the complaint that the food in many military hospitals is neither sufficient, well cooked, nor well served. "We were much better done by at the Front," one convalescing soldier said to us recently. The organisation of the commissariat in a new hospital is very difficult work, and good service most difficult to obtain. We advised girls months ago, who were all rushing to nurse the wounded, to pause and perfect themselves in cooking and learn something of domestic management. In this branch of hospital work they would indeed fill a want.

"If only I could get a really hot cup of tea out of a pot, and freshly cut bread and butter, with a lettuce thrown in now and then, I *should* enjoy it," one sick man told us. And why not? This should not be beyond the domestic management of any staff, but apparently it is.

The City of London Branch of the British Red Cross Society has already its charming Hospital for Officers at Fishmongers' Hall. Soon it will also have a hospital for 100 men in Finsbury Square, E.C., in a house formerly run as an hotel by German proprietors. When we say that the Matron will be Miss G. A. Rogers, for so many years the Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, it will be realised that the Committee has secured a Matron whose name is honoured, and whose organising ability is respected, far beyond the United Kingdom.

A London Committee of the Scottish Women's Hospitals in France and Serbia, with Lady Cowdray and Lady Frances Balfour at the head, has been formed, the intention being to send out London units.

### CHOLERA SPREADING.

It is reported from Austria that, with the increased heat, cholera is extending in Austria-Hungary. According to the latest reports received through prisoners several thousand fresh cases occur daily. Special camp hospitals have been formed in country places, where the cholera patients are treated, as the population in the more important towns in Austria, and especially in Hungary, refuse to receive them for fear of contamination.

## AUSTRALIAN HOSPITAL AT HAREFIELD PARK.

Harefield House, the first Australian Auxiliary Hospital, at Harefield Park, near Uxbridge, is one of the splendid gifts placed at the service of the Mother Country by the Commonwealth of Australia and the generosity of those having ties with Australia, notably Mr. Billyard Leake, to whom the loan of the house is due.

The house is some five miles distant from Uxbridge, but a drive in golden sunshine through the lovely country, past cottages where periwinkles grow in the hedgerows, and through a countryside steeped in peace, is some compensation for the slowness of the only available conveyance, and the tendencies of its horse to return to Uxbridge instead of proceeding to Harefield Park. As the Jehu admitted subsequently, "he is



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getting old and artful, like myself." But at least one's enjoyment of the surrounding loveliness is prolonged, the only reminder of war being an aeroplane poised like a bird in the clear ether.

Harefield House is a handsome, substantial, square house, in the centre of the park, overlooking a peaceful lake, and as great a contrast as possible to the stress and tumult of the war zone, from which those for whose service it has been prepared with so much care have lately arrived. Adjoining the central hall are the rooms where stores are received and sorted, and the operating theatre, spacious and well arranged, with a large window overlooking the garden. The wards are on the first floor, where the rooms, of varying size, form the four sides of a square, round a central well, and all open into one another. One overlooking the lake is specially charming. The Matron, Miss

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