

year's work at St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, the Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, that it has been a great success. He writes:—

"Just a year ago the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Care Committee started to look after the men who have lost their sight in the War. We naturally looked for happy and useful results, but we scarcely dared to hope for so abundant a measure of success as has been attained. Men have learnt the difficult art of reading with the finger-tips in a fortnight. Men who have never seen a typewriter, and never will see one, have learnt to use it accurately and at a fair rate of speed in the same incredibly short space of time. Men have gone out into the world after a few months' tuition able to run a little poultry farm; others are building up nice little businesses as cobblers and earning amounts equal to their weekly pensions.

"The work of devising a scheme of after-care for the men who are settled at their various occupations is proceeding satisfactorily. Arrangements have to be made for supervising their work, for providing their raw material, for marketing their goods, and for securing a continuity of well-paid employment for those who have been trained in such occupations as massage and boot-repairing. A large permanent fund will be needed if this work, which has been entrusted to a special department of the National Institute for the Blind, is to prove permanently useful."

In support of this wonderful work in so deserving a cause, everyone who can still see all the loveliness of day should spare some little coin—even if they deny themselves something they think they need.

Mrs. Mabel Chapman, 18, Deansgate, Manchester, Hon. Secretary of the Manchester and District Federation Field Hospital, draws attention in the press to alterations which have become necessary in the plans of the Committee entrusted with the organisation of the Manchester and District Federation Hospital for Foreign Service.

The original intention was to provide a field hospital for Serbia, but owing to the calamitous termination of the recent campaign in that country, after heroic resistance by the Serbian army, the present pressing need is to provide adequate hospital accommodation for the Serbian refugees. For this purpose Dr. Mary Blair who, with a party of nurses was waiting at Salonika to proceed to Serbia, has now gone to Corsica, where many thousands of Serbian refugees have been sent. There she has arranged to open a hospital with initial accommodation for forty beds, to which further beds can be added by the provision of tents in the adjoining ground. Medical assistance is now being given to the civilian refugees (men, women, and children) many of whom are suffering from wounds inflicted by Bulgarian soldiers. Dr. Blair has been asked by the authorities in Corsica to be the chief medical officer for all the Serbians in the island.

In view of the new need, the Manchester and

District Committee has recommended that the funds and goods in hand now, and those to be collected, be given to the hospital at Ajaccio for sick or wounded refugees, with a military wing to be established when possible, the hospital to be called the Manchester and District Federation Unit.

THE LISCARD CASE.

At the inquiry held by the Committee of the Victoria Central Hospital, Liscard, into the circumstances of the case of a woman refused admission to the hospital (which we related last week), the following letter was received from the resident House Surgeon concerned:—

"GENTLEMEN,—I think we are all sensible of the aspersions cast upon this hospital in connection with the inquest held the other day. I feel it very deeply myself, and would like to express to you my sorrow that the matter should have arisen at all, which it would not have done had I seen the case. . . . I cannot but recognise that my negligence was the means of placing an experienced and careful member of the staff, namely, Sister Nooney, in a very unpleasant position, and I take this opportunity of saying how much I regret that it should have occurred."

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

General Hospital, Northampton.—Miss Lillie Atkinson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, and has held the position of Theatre Sister, Ward Sister, and Assistant Matron at the Cumberland Infirmary. In 1911 she was appointed Home Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and in 1913 Assistant Matron in the same institution.

Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool.—Miss Dudley has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Matron of the Loughborough Hospital.

NURSE-MATRON.

Isolation Hospital, Hoyland Moor, near Peniston.—Miss Lydia Ethel Andrews has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Birmingham Infirmary, and has held the position of Sister at the Leeds Union Infirmary, and of Nurse Matron at the hospital of the Cheadle R.D.C. for seven-and-a-half years.

MASSAGE SISTER.

The Infirmary, Isleworth.—Miss Ruby M. Reynolds has been appointed Massage Sister. She was trained at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., and has been Acting Theatre Sister in the same institution.

CHARGE NURSE.

Blackburn Union Infirmary.—Miss Kathleen Quinn has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at Townley's Hospital, Bolton.

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