which receives those who arrive too exhausted to be sent on any farther. Presently there arrives from Tarnopol—36 hours distant—a train consisting of such carriages and covered trucks and

vans as could be collected. They beautifully are warmed by pipes or stoves. Along the platform are ranged 80 orderlies in long white coats, divided into squads whose duty it is to 'evacuate' the wounded as carefully and speedily as possible. At noon exactly a whistle was blown, and they started work; at 12.10 not a man of the 600 wounded was left in the train or on the platform. It was a magnificent performance, a triumph of careful preparation and swift execution, for which the military and Red Cross authorities deserve all possible

praise.
"Of the many hospitals I visited, large and small, all were good in their different ways, and

A RUSSIAN AMBULANCE TRAIN AT THE FRONT. SISTERS AT BREAKFAST.

gave one lasting impression of the business spirit and the tender hearts of those authority.' Two hospitals in particular struck me as excellent. One was a 'mobile unit' of 330 beds, now housed in a large technical college. Here the matron and superintendent is the Duchess Grand Olga, sister of the Tsar, who has been on active service with this unit since the out-break of War. Great credit should be given to this gracious and gentle lady, who,



PEASANT WOMEN HELPING TO CARRY THE WOUNDED.

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