

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The King and Queen visited the sick and wounded officers and soldiers who have returned from the Front, at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, on Saturday, March 4th, and spoke most kindly with them all.

The British Hospital in the Dmitri Palace, Petrograd, has passed through various vicissitudes since Miss Irvine-Robertson and the nursing staff started on their embassy of good will to our Russian Allies. The generous equipment was shipped in good time to reach Archangel before the fies came down from the Arctic Ocean, but

The Convalescent Hospital known as "By-cullah," at Highgate, in connection with the Endell Street Military Hospital, under the able management of Miss Hills, Matron (St. Bart.'s), has accommodation for thirty-two beds, and the half-dozen large airy rooms lend themselves excellently to the purpose. The gay quilts give them an additional air of cheerfulness. There is a large recreation room fitted with a piano, a small billiard table, &c. A small, but beautifully-fitted and equipped operating theatre is to be found on the upper floor.

It being Sunday we were invited to be present at the service in the very pretty little chapel which has been adapted from the garage. A beautiful copy of "The White Comrade" has just



QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL, PETROGRAD.
WARD IN THE DMITRI PALACE.

first the steamer which carried them broke down and had to put back to port, with the result that the White Sea was blocked with ice before it could reach its destination. However, from our illustration it will be seen that the hospital is very well equipped, and, indeed, a duplicate cargo has been secured. Over each bed hangs an ikon, part of the indispensable equipment of a Russian hospital. At the religious service, which is always the prelude to the opening of such institutions, in Russia, the Dowager Empress and members of the Imperial family were present, the building being solemnly blessed and its walls sprinkled with holy water.

been presented for its adornment. The men, mostly quite young, seemed to appreciate the simple address, and joined heartily in the hymns. "I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless" took a new meaning as sung by our brave lads. At the close of the service one of the "men in blue" played the National Anthem, which was enthusiastically sung by his comrades, standing at attention. The Matron remarked that their eagerness to have this sung at all times was quite touching. We learn that the men highly appreciate this well-organised and happy hospital. One man remarked, with a grin, that he intended to stay for "the duration."

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