CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The King and Queen visited the sick and wounded at the American Hospital for English soldiers at Caenwood Towers, Highgate, on April 18th, and gave great pleasure to those being treated in that beautiful place. The last time we were near by our hostess pointed to two lovely cows chewing the cud in a meadow, and told us they had a maid who made their butter. Fancy butter grown in Highgate!

We are glad to note that the King has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned officers to

the Orders stated, in recognition of their distinguished service and devotion to duty at the camp at Wittenberg, Germany, during the typhus epidemic which prevailed there from February to June, 1915:—

C.M.G.

Major Harold Edgar Priestley, Royal Army Medical Corps.

D.S.O.

Captain Alan Cunliffe Vidal, R.A.M.C.; Temp. Capt. James La Fayette Lauder, R.A.M.C.

The infamous neglect of our poor sick prisoners at Wittenberg by those in charge of them, is one of the very blackest episodes, if not the most inhuman in the War.

A correspondent kindly sends us the following information from a Swiss paper:—

An agreement has been in force some time now in Switzerland between the French and German Governments with regard to the internment of sick or infirm prisoners of war in Switzerland. Those who are suffering from the following ailments are now afforded the right of transference to the territory of the Swiss Republic:—

Tuberculosis, even in its initial stages.

Chronic constitutional ailments, affections of the blood, and toxic conditions.

Chronic ailments of the respiratory passages of the organs of circulation, of the digestive organs, of the urinary and reproductive organs, of the central and peripheral nervous systems, and of the organs of sense.

Blindness or loss of an eye, if the remaining eye no longer possesses normal sight.

Deafness in both ears.

Widespread chronic skin diseases, cutaneous ulcers, fistulas.

Chronic rheumatism in the joints and gout attended by visible deformations.

Malignant or benign tumours, provided these are accompanied by perceptible functional disturbances.

General enfeeblement known to have resulted from age or illness.

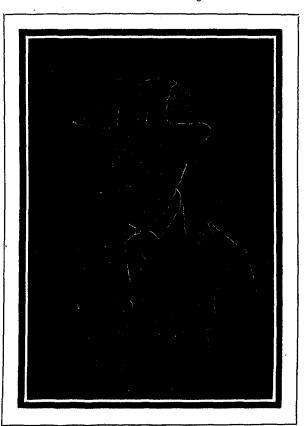
Advanced forms of syphilis involving functional disturbances.

Loss of a limb in the case of officers and non-commissioned officers.

Fixation of the joints of a serious nature.

Conditions of all kinds due to diseases or wounds, other than the aforementioned, which involve inability to perform full military service for a period of at least one year (mutilation of the face or jaw, after effects of trephining, indolent wounds).

Isolated cases comprised in none of the above categories, but necessitating, in the opinion of the Commission, immediate internment in Switzerland. (The wounds or diseases in such cases must manifest the same degree of gravity as those aforementioned.)



DR. ELSIE INGLIS, SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITALS.

The above provisions expressly exclude the following cases:—

All serious nervous or mental affections involving treatment in a special institution.

Chronic alcoholism.

All contagious maladies during the period of their transmissibility (infectious diseases, &c.). Let us hope now that we have as usual "waited

Let us hope now that we have as usual "waited and seen" what other Governments can do for suffering prisoners, that our own devoted soldiers may receive like consideration.

The Scottish Women's Hospitals are still going ahead in spite of the losses in Serbia, they have

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