

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The opening of the large square gardens in London for the use and comfort of the wounded is now an accomplished fact, and those near the hospitals will no doubt be largely used. Wheel and lounge chairs will thus be required in considerable numbers, and should be a welcome gift wherever our troops are warded.

The Botanical Gardens, now in great beauty, are also available for convalescent soldiers, and it is suggested that ladies might act as hostesses to these "braves" and supply them with tea. The men are admitted free, non-members pay a shilling entrance, but during the summer months women who wish to show some gratitude to the Army might well organise such little gatherings. Petrol is now so costly that joy rides cannot this summer be provided, as they were last, and it is most necessary for the good recovery of the health and spirits of the sick that fresh air and a pleasant time should be available. Nothing is more depressing for any length of time than the hospital atmosphere to those used to an active life, and whose nervous system has been overstrained. Who says tea parties in the Botanical Gardens?

The Executive Committee of the Ladies' Lyceum Club will celebrate its anniversary of Soldiers' Teas on the 24th inst. It is proposed to have a "Prisoners'" "Strawberry and Cream" tea, and some of the heroes from St. Dunstan's will also be guests. Mrs. York Trotter has prevailed upon Dr. Walford-Davies' Male Choir to give a concert, and we all know that will be a rare treat.

"France's Day" in London is to be held, appropriately, on July 14th, and the British Branch of the Croix Rouge Française is very busy organising, let us hope, for a huge success. It would like £50,000, and when the word "Verdun" meets the eye we could wish £100,000 might be collected.

We hear people are getting restive about "Flag Days." We wonder why. Given a good cause, this method of collecting in the street for War charities is a cheap one, and by this means every-

one can give their mite who cannot give a larger sum, and to be whole and hearty walking in this splendid London, well fed, well clothed, free from pain, the beauty of spring everywhere delighting the eye, should uplift every heart with gratitude, when we realise the grim tragedy of war and the suffering it entails for those who come in touch with its ruthless flame. Don't imagine you cannot spare your pence; go without afternoon tea and put its cost in the box. Just think every day how to deny self, you will be more worthy to be alive and well.

The Committee of the British Women's Hospital for

Incurable Soldiers at Richmond are to raise £100,000. We feel sure they will do it.

What a relief to know that some of our starved and ill-treated prisoners have been moved from Germany, where life is made a veritable hell to them, to Switzerland. It goes without saying that they met with an enthusiastic reception from the kindly Swiss, but, alas! many are now suffering from phthisis and may never recover. The report in the *British Medical Journal* of the brutal neglect in two prison camps during epidemics of typhus



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