

THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The Duchess of Connaught has accepted the presidency of the Canadian Red Cross Association.

The building and equipment of the Star and Garter home for paralysed soldiers and sailors, at Richmond will be one of the most important tasks of the year, now that the site has been procured through the instrumentality of the Auctioneers' Institute. The British Women's Hospital has undertaken to raise the necessary funds for the building of the permanent home and are appealing to the women of Great Britain for whole-hearted support. Meanwhile the annexe of the old Star and Garter Hotel has been fitted up for temporary use, and the first patients have been admitted.

A number of nurses attended the service at



NEUFCHATEAU, LE MOUZON VERS LES PROMENADES.

Old Bermondsey Parish Church last Sunday, in aid of the Serbian Red Cross Fund, which was of exceptional interest, as it was attended by persons of many nationalities and diverse branches of the church. Those who formed the procession, and who entered the church, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," included the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough and the Commandant and wounded officers from King Albert's Hospital, with Father Nicolas (Domestic Chaplain to King Peter). The sermon was preached by the Rector, the Rev. F. H. Gillingham, who has been in Flanders for the last twelve months; and the lesson was read by Father Nicolas. The Serbian National Anthem was sung in place of the "Nunc Dimittis," and the National Anthems of the Allies were played as a Voluntary. A number of Presbyterian soldiers were in the congregation.

Over 100 members of the medical staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital are serving with the Forces, and during the past year 21 have lost their lives. In memory of those who have fallen a service took place in the hospital chapel of St. Bartholomew the Less, and was largely attended.

We admire nothing more than the marvellous pluck shown by our prisoners in Germany, where they have often been treated in the most inhuman manner, subjected to hunger, thirst, cold, insult, and every discomfort. Still they come up smiling, and the tales they tell upon release fill one with pride. The survivors at Ruhleben Camp showed a pretty wit at the performance of a Christmas pantomime arranged by some of the prisoners. For instance, butter can no longer be procured, and the German military officers who were present at the performance did not conceal their enjoyment of the sarcasm of one of the female characters who, when butter was mentioned on the stage, said, "Oh, I remember where it was put. It is in my jewel-case!"

The presentation of the military medal to a French soldier named Derian recently at the Irish Hospital in France was made the occasion for a touching tribute to the work of the Hospital by Captain Chamber, of the French army.

The soldier, with four others, was at the place of honour in front of their company beyond the barbed

wire, and within a few yards of the German listening post, guarding the French approach works. He was the only survivor, and though severely wounded managed to crawl back to his lines. He was taken to the Irish Hospital, where, thanks to the attention and skill of Dr. Rowlands and the staff, the amputation of his leg which was at first thought to be necessary was avoided, much to his relief.

The members of the Federal House of Representatives at Melbourne have pledged themselves never again to purchase German goods.

If the same vow was taken throughout the City of London in memory of the Zeppelin murders, and destruction of property, it would be the surest way to prevent any such barbarism in the future.

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