FREEMASONS' WAR HOSPITAL.

The building that was formerly known as the Chelsea Hospital for Women, Fulham Road, S.W., has been taken over by the Masonic Nursing Home Committee, and is now the Freemasons' War

On Wednesday, September 6th, from 12-4 p.m., the building was formally inspected by the Committee and other invited guests. Although there were so far no patients, the visitors found ample interest in the admirable new equipment and the carefully thought out detail of the hospital. The corridors and wards were decorated with fine palms and lovely flowers and a constant stream of visitors kept the nursing staff busy answering questions and explaining various points of interest.

Appeals for various gifts occupied prominent positions. It was gratifying to note that, although everything had been prepared for the comfort and happiness of the pro-spective patients, there was an entire absence of anything that suggested extrava-gance. The wards were pretty and cheerful, and, above all, homely. The bed quilts particularly were sensible and far better adapted to their purpose than many of the "lady-like" coverings we have seen in some war hospi-tals. "Tommy" will be able to give these a good pull

over his shoulders without fear of disaster. On the first two floors the wards are small, containing from three to five beds. The bath rooms and lavatories are those which were used in the original hospital, and, although not of the latest pattern, are serviceable and sanitary. A pulley from the ceiling over the bath was an arrangement There is a fine, well-equipped worth noting. theatre on the top floor, and the hospital is fitted with the now indispensable X-ray and massage rooms. As it is to be a primary hospital, there is no doubt but that all these departments will be in constant use.

The ward kitchens were particularly good and commodious, and each boasted a convenient gascooking stove.

The Matron-Miss Windermer-was trained at

Guy's Hospital, where she worked for many years in Bright ward. She was recently Night Sister at the Fishmongers' Hall. The nursing staff further consists of four Sisters, four Staff Nurses, V.A.D. probationers, and voluntary help. kitchen is in charge of voluntary workers.

The Matron is happy in the choice of her uniform, for she has inadvertently hit upon the colour of

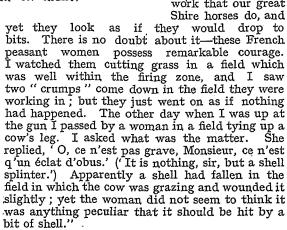
the Grand Lodge of Freemasons.

On Thursday afternoon, September 7th, the staff had the privilege of each inviting a friend to tea and to informally inspect the newly-equipped hospital. We wish complete recovery to every sick hero who enters this hospitable home.

It is always a matter for congratulation when a hospital can be secured for our soldiers, as it is far less costly than adapting schools and private

houses, and the work can be much more conveniently organized.

An officer writing from France, whose letter is published in the Times, says :-The French people have started their harvest and, my word how the women do work. From dawn to dusk they slave in the fields. Their energy seems endless, almost like those slim-looking percherons that drag their primitive-looking carts. To me it is marvellous what this type of horse will drag, extraordinary the stamina they possess. They seem to do about twice the twice work that our great





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