

THE PERKINS BULL CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL FOR CANADIAN OFFICERS.

On Wednesday, July 19th, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and two of the Sheriffs opened the Convalescent Hospital for Canadian Officers on Putney Heath. They were received by Mr. Wm. Perkins Bull and Mrs. Bull, who are the generous donors. Flags and bunting gaily decorated the entrance. Miss Bonnie Ryan, the little daughter of the Honorary Secretary, presented the Lady Mayoress with a bouquet in the national colours. The platform was draped with the Union Jack and the Canadian ensign. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Canon Ridding, after which

Imperial Army. They would get to know each other in this way better than any other.

Sir Robert McBride, Agent-General for British Columbia, spoke of the deliberate, painstaking work of the doctors and nurses which had resulted in the Army Service Corps of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He said they deeply appreciated the generosity and kindly welcome of the old land.

Mr. E. A. Ebbelwhite (Hon. Treasurer), announced that it was probable Their Majesties the King and Queen would shortly visit the hospital.

A gold latchkey was presented to the Lady Mayoress and a similar token to Mrs. Bull—the latter being the gift of the first five patients in the hospital, and inscribed with their names.

After the ceremony, the visitors adjourned to a large marquee, where tea, ices and other good



THE MATRON MISS FITZPATRICK, AND STAFF.

Mr. Perkins Bull, who occupied the chair, in introducing the Lord Mayor, said that Sir Charles Wakefield was a friend to the Dominion, and that his tenure of office would be a landmark in history.

The Lord Mayor, who said that it gave him great pleasure to open this little hospital which was provided by Mr. Perkins Bull's liberality, mentioned the interesting fact that the house was the residence of Sir Ernest Shackleton before he left on his voyage to the South Pole. The waiting list for the hospital was already a formidable one. Nothing done could be too much for the Canadian troops, who had rendered such splendid service. Referring to the work of the ladies, he said they were one of the discoveries of the War.

Surgeon General Carson Jones stated that, although the hospital was primarily for Canadian officers, it would receive other officers of the

things were discussed. A string band was in attendance and some charming songs were given by some of the lady guests.

Visitors were invited to see over the house, and much admired the fine dining-room and bright bedrooms each containing three or four beds.

The Matron, Miss Fitzpatrick, who was trained at Hamilton, Ontario, with an Assistant Matron and fourteen Canadian V.A.D.s, form the staff. The Matron was a picturesque figure in her white piqué dress, folded kerchief and quaint mob cap with a narrow band of black velvet. The V.A.D.s wore a particularly pretty shade of pink with transparent aprons and the army cap. All wore the Canadian ensign mounted on red on the left arm.

Bright sunshine prevailed throughout, and visitors, patients and staff appeared to unite in thinking the opening day a complete success.

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