

be avoided if they were to be admitted into ordinary asylums. He hopes that it will yet be found possible to offer the same advantage to the civil population. He sees no insuperable difficulty in a mentally deranged patient being kept under observation and treatment in a special hospital for six months, with a view to cure, if the case be notified to the Board of Control, and medical certificates showing the necessity of the step be granted.

In connection with the care of neurasthenic but not insane soldiers, Dr. Robertson states he observes ill-considered advertisements for subscriptions for hostels, which are doing a public disservice by contrasting unfavourably the useful and excellent work done in asylums, in the advocacy of their own schemes.

He writes :—There is no antagonism between hostels and mental hospitals, as both varieties of establishments are necessary for appropriate cases, and, so far as I know, no case of neurasthenia only has been sent to an asylum. The converse, however, does not hold good, for a neurasthenic officer recently sent to a home found the patient on one side of him suffering from convulsions, and a deranged patient making trenches of his bedding on the other. He would rather have been in a well-appointed mental hospital provided with ample resources of every kind, and good classification.

THANKS TO STAFF.

In expressing his thanks to the staff, Dr. Robertson says that the two heads of the Nursing Service, Miss Wise and Miss Thyne, have passed through a period of great anxiety owing to the difficulty of keeping together, and training, a staff. Members of the staff are doing valuable work in military hospitals, and one assistant has been promoted Matron of the 1st Scottish Military Hospital.

Dr. Robertson says further, "the work of the officials who have stayed at home has been of a very severe nature. There has been none of the interest and excitement and prestige which is associated with work directly connected with the Army, and yet it has been as valuable and as necessary. It has in many cases been at the sacrifice of their own feelings that they have continued at their posts. It would have been easier to have gone. They have earned our gratitude and thanks."

One of the most striking paragraphs in the report is that which shows that even the stress and strain of war and the anxiety and bereavement caused thereby, there have not been so many mental breakdowns among women as in the pre-war days, when so many had not sufficient occupation.

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