

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

A solemn service, which will be attended by the King and Queen, will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, July 2nd, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the confederation of Canada, and also in memory of the Canadians who have fallen in the war.

Lord Provost Dunlop, Glasgow, has received from Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, the patron of the Limbless Sailors' and Soldiers' Hospital at Erskine, a War Loan Certificate for £500 as a contribution towards the funds of the hospital. This is the second donation which Her Royal Highness has been pleased to make to the hospital. Her previous contribution of £1,000 was intimated among the first subscriptions received when the hospital was originally promoted. The committee of the hospital very highly appreciate the deep personal interest which Princess Louise is taking in their work on behalf of our limbless heroes, and it is expected that she will honour the hospital by inaugurating it in person early this month. The handsome contributions which Her Royal Highness has made to the funds of the hospital will enable a bed to be endowed, and at her request one of the beds will be in memory of the late Duke of Argyll, and will bear the following inscription:—
"The Lorne Bed. Endowed in memory of John Douglas Sutherland, Duke of Argyll, by Louise, his wife. 1917." The other bed will bear the following inscription:—"H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, patron of the hospital."

The new pavilion, containing 200 beds, for the purpose of accommodating preparatory cases of limbless men is making rapid progress and is expected to be completed and ready for patients by the middle of this month, so that the whole accommodation of the hospital will be in a completed state when Her Royal Highness pays her visit.

The Wounded Allies Relief Committee has removed from Grosvenor Gardens, and the new quarters of the organisation are now at Bank Chambers, 329, High Holborn, W.C. 1.

THE BELLS OF HEAVEN.

I would ring the bells of Heaven
The wildest peal for years,
If Parson lost his senses
And people came to theirs,
And he and they together
Knelt down with angry prayers
For tamed and shabby tigers,
And dancing dogs and bears,
And wretched, blind pit ponies,
And little hunted hares.

From "Poems," by Ralph Hodgson.

NURSING HISTORY.

Miss L. L. Dock, our great Nursing Historian, recalls in *The American Journal of Nursing* a chapter of interest. She writes:—

"The glorious news of the successful Russian revolution brings vivid recollections of two past triennials of the International Council of Nurses—one in fair France in 1907, the other in the medieval Town Hall of Cologne. At the former we met Madame Mannerheim, stately daughter of the old Northern gods, who was the leader of modern nursing organization in Finland and superintendent of the chief hospital in Helsingfors. Driving home one day with Miss Nutting and me, she told us breath-taking tales of the silent strike of a nation and the dark cloud that hung over its destinies. From that day until now the cloud has grown blacker, and no friendly letter from this side dared speak of our sympathy because of the Czar's 'long arm.'

In Cologne, we met in 1912:—Madame Mannerheim could not come herself, but a group of her nurses came. They had to come as individuals, for no Finnish organization could appear as such on our printed programme. They were splendid women, and keen-witted enough to detect the spy in strangers who spoke to them, asked where they were from, and when they said 'Finland,' retorted, 'There is no Finland. There is only Russia.'

Now, history unrolling before our eyes, shows a strong influence upholding the Russian autocracy to have come from that land where we were being so genially entertained. Verily autocracy knows no country, and is as horrible in one as in another. May its fall in Russia be followed by its fall in other corners of the earth as well! War is a great boomerang, and brings many things to pass which its chief upholders most dread and oppose:—witness the marvellous advance of women now taking place in all the warring countries, an advance that the reactionaries of each would no more have dreamed of permitting than they would have cut off their own heads, had not the world cataclysm run away with them.

From the standpoint of those who laud and magnify war this only emphasizes anew its terrible stupidity, as it brings the reverse of what they wish for. For those who see the benefits that, in the long run, democratic movements indirectly gain, there is only the vast commiseration of pity for men who will learn only in so terrible a school the lessons that are always open to their eyes to learn.

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