

one word of hatred against their enemies. Their kindness to their prisoners is touching, and they would rather starve themselves than see a prisoner go without food. When wounded they bear the most terrible suffering without a groan, and their gratitude towards us who nurse them is more than reward enough for the little we can do to pay our debt to these heroes."

The Russians are a very religious and mystic people, and well deserve the praise bestowed upon them by the Empress Marie, but every Queen of an Allied country will claim that there are no soldiers in the world as good as her own. It is a curious fact that one never sees an ugly man in khaki—all the faces bear the impress of some spiritual influence—which refines and beautifies them. Believe us, it is not a question of beauty in the lover's eye this time!

Mr. Stephen Graham has written:—

"Through all his illiteracy, the Russian peasant is nearer reality. He does not read about life, he lives; he does not read about death, he dies; he does not read about God, he prays."

### JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have [been deputed to duty abroad:—

No. 1 *Red Cross Hosp., Italy.*—Miss J. D. Brecken.

2 *Anglo Belgian Hosp., Calais.*—Miss C. Poyer.  
*Boulogne Head Quarters.*—Miss D. M. Ivers, Miss K. Townsends, Miss A. K. Thompson, Miss M. Brown.

*Scottish Women's Hospital, Salonica.*—Miss M. Urquhart, Miss G. Hogg, Miss A. Aitkenhead, Miss M. Mackenzie, Miss F. Mackenzie.

### CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

We hear that the Lord Mayor's Christmas card gave much pleasure to the patients at the 1st London General Hospital, Camberwell. The men appreciated the Lord Mayor's gift exceedingly, and many of the patients from overseas, of whom there were a number in the hospital, have sent it home as a keepsake.

A lecture will be given at Halkyn House, 13, Belgrave Square, on January 12th inst., at 3 p.m., by Mr. H. W. Fincham, entitled: "The History of the Order of St. John and its Present Work."

The lecture will be illustrated by a very interesting series of lantern slides, which will include views of the splendid hospital founded and maintained at Etaples in France by the Order of St. John, to supply which with bandages, dressings, bed linen, etc., the Supply Depot has been started.

Tickets, 5s. and 2s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Lady Paget, 35, Belgrave Square, S.W.

The Queen of Italy has, through the British Ambassador in Rome, sent the following message to the Joint War Committee with reference to the £10,000 Christmas gift of appliances and apparatus for disabled men, which the British Red Cross is making to Her Majesty:—"I beg you to convey my most sincere thanks to the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John for their generous offer of material useful for the restoration and recovery of those who have been mutilated in the war, a work of love in which I am so greatly interested."

"My Country," by Marie, Queen of Roumania, gives us many interesting glimpses of the last country the enemy has put to the sword. Twenty-three years has she spent in the country, "each day bringing its joy or its sorrow, its light or its shade," and she tells us what she has seen and heard and felt whilst living amongst its simple, warm-hearted people. Nor does she paint only a few pictures as she has seen them; every page is also written from the heart. The book is published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, at 5s., and all the profits from the sale will be paid to the British Red Cross Society for work in Roumania.

*The Red Cross reports—*

"An 'Adopter's' Bureau began operations on November 10th at the offices of the Central Prisoners of War Committee of the British Red Cross Society, at 4, Thurloe Place, London, S.W., in connection with the official scheme for the co-ordination of relief for British prisoners of war. The Committee is proceeding on the principle that, in the first instance, regimental care committees shall be responsible for supplying the needs of prisoners from their battalions. The personal and individual tie is also to be maintained as far as possible. Hitherto, generous donors have spent definite sums each week on a parcel or parcels for prisoners. This can still be done through the regimental care committee or the Central Prisoners of War Committee. The 'Adopters' Bureau facilitates this work. A complete and detailed index of men's names and needs will be kept by the Bureau, and to it relatives and individuals, or organisations, will be able to apply for names. Every new "adopter" will be given a postcard to be sent to the prisoner adopted, telling him to expect a parcel subscribed for. A subscriber of a small amount could be made responsible for a man's bread supply. Those desiring to have parcels sent should send alphabetic lists of the names and places of internment of civilians to whom they desire to send parcels, and the extent to which they will look after them. To provide completely for a prisoner, they should be prepared to send the equivalent of three parcels of food of the gross weight of 10 lbs. each per fortnight, and also arrange for about 7 lbs. of bread per week to be sent to him."

What a privilege for the grateful to be able to help our brave men in this way! ||

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