

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

A proud duty devolved upon the Matron of the Overcliff Hospital, Westcliff-on-Sea, when she was commissioned to decorate Sergeant Tuach, of the Canadians, with the Military Medal. The gallant Sergeant, regardless of danger, rendered help to the wounded in No Man's Land under heavy fire, being wounded himself while caring for his comrades.

Queen Alexandra recently paid a visit to Endell Street Military Hospital, when a patient, an Ulster man, remarked to the Sister: "I do hope the Queen Alexandra will visit this Ward. I have never seen royalty except Sir Edward Carson!"

The Queen of the Belgians, who is in and out of the hospitals for Belgian wounded, wearing a nurse's uniform, and doing all she can for their comfort, lately had over Mr. Frank Stanley, the well-known Leeds prestidigitateur, and Mr. Arthur Thomas, to entertain the sick and wounded Belgian soldiers. The Queen attended an entertainment and showed her appreciation by repeated applause. Many English nurses are at La Panne and elsewhere, and they also thoroughly enjoyed the visit of their amusing compatriots. The artistes were entertained at dinner by Dr. Depage, the King's physician, who has devoted his life to the care of the wounded since those terrible days in Belgium in 1914.

At Frognaal, Foot's Cray, Kent, the residence of the late Earl of Sydney, is to be established the Queen's Auxiliary Hospital for Sailors and Soldiers suffering from Facial Injuries. Here it is proposed to concentrate a large number of these special cases, and, amid delightful surroundings and country air, to endeavour to secure the welfare and future of the men, while brightening their lives during convalescence.

Extensive gardens and a farm of 100 acres are attached to the house, where, with a view to their future employment, the patients will be instructed in outdoor occupations, such as gardening, market-gardening, dairywork, poultry farming, and forestry. In addition workshops will be provided for practical instruction in estate carpentry and other handicrafts, and work in connection with electricity, agricultural machinery, and motor traction.

The scheme is planned and is being organised by Mr. C. H. Kenderdine, one of the originators of Queen Mary's Convalescent Auxiliary Hospital, Roehampton, for limbless sailors and soldiers. It will doubtless supply a great need, and its value to a large number of our most grievously wounded soldiers cannot be over-estimated.

The two previous Red Cross sales at Christie's raised well over £100,000. No wonder, then, that it has been decided to hold a third. The date of the sale is the end of next March. Some very valuable gifts have already been received.

A true daughter of France is Marcelle Semmer, a girl of 21, who has been decorated with the Croix de la Guerre and the Legion of Honour. In 1914 she opened the sluice gates of a canal, under German fire, and so held up the enemy. She also provided with civilian clothes sixteen French soldiers; and when, after being caught in the act of feeding a soldier, she was condemned to death, said, "I am an orphan and have but one mother—France; do with me what you will."

The following Sisters have been awarded the Military Medal: Sisters Kate Mahony and Ethel Kate Thompson, of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service; and Sister Mabel Louise Evans, of the Territorial Force Nursing Service. This is a great and much appreciated honour; we congratulate the happy trio.



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