

The French Wounded Emergency Fund presented recently a ward of 20 beds to the Hôpital des Invalides, Paris. Sir Henry Austin Lee made the presentation on behalf of the Fund. The gift was received for the Service de Santé by M. Justin Godart, the Under Secretary of State, who in a short speech alluded to the many links of friendship which exist between France and Great Britain. He rejoiced to receive in the name of his country a further proof of the devotion shown by the women of Great Britain to the soldiers of France. This ward, equipped with the help of several work parties (Ealing, Woolbeding, Witham, Barnet, Sharnbrook, Kendal, Endmoor, Wantage, Benson, Torquay, &c.), was, says the "Quarterly Bulletin" of the Fund, the pride of the Infirmière Majeure of the Invalides. The water beds provided

diseased conditions arising from injuries and from other causes associated with exposure of the men in the Army at the Front.

2. *Scope.*—(a) Includes the treatment of infected wounds, delayed repair following injury, beginning gangrene, sprains, contusions, atrophies, various forms of arthritis, erysipelas, frostbite, trench feet, flat-foot, and neuritis. (b) Instruction to physicians and nurses in preparation for the above work.

3. *Capacity and Cost.*—In order to carry out this work properly sufficient funds must be provided to thoroughly equip and maintain a unit. The committee recommends that such a unit form a part of every base hospital in the country, and abroad. There are qualified physicians in readiness to fill these positions.



F.W.E.F. WARD IN THE HOPITAL DES INVALIDES.

for each bedstead were the greatest comfort to the patients, as all were very severe cases, and the pulleys by which those with paralysed limbs could raise themselves were a source of almost childish delight to the poor fellows. We are indebted for our illustration to the courtesy of Miss Evelyn Wyld, Hon. Secretary of the Fund.

The American Electro-therapeutic Association, of which Dr. Benham Snow is chairman, proposes to equip a medical unit for treating disabled soldiers. The following synopsis indicates its purpose:—

1. *Purpose.*—The purpose of the unit is to furnish facilities and men to carry out in a thoroughly scientific manner treatment, by electro-therapeutic and other physical methods, of

4. *Equipment.*—Equipment should include transformers and diathermic apparatus, X-ray apparatus for therapeutic use, the practical forms of static machines, therapeutic lamps, sinusoidal machines, and constant current apparatus.

Mrs. Gaskell and Mr. C. Hagberg Wright, hon. secretaries of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John War Library (Surrey House, Marble Arch, London, W. 1), state that 50,000 clean books and magazines go every week from the library to wherever British and Colonial soldiers are helpless with sickness and suffering, and that this number is not enough. The telegrams and letters received all urgently ask for more. Memoirs, biographies, recent fiction, books on sport, modern science, and travels will be welcome, and illustrated weekly papers are especially needed.

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