

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

Queen Alexandra, President of the British Red Cross Society, has sent a donation of £1,000 to the Chairman, accompanied by the wish for every possible success for "Our Day."

Nurses who are crossing to France this week should take with them a copy of *The Gentlewoman* of October 13th, the feature of which is the full story of the Queen's visit to the front, profusely illustrated with the official photographs. In its new form, which is so companionable, and just the right size to tuck into the top of a despatch case, our contemporary is more popular than ever, and the above issue is sure to be appreciated far and wide. We read:—

"Varied and interesting as have been the Queen's experiences before the war, none of them can compare with those which befell Her Majesty on the occasion of her historic tour to France, extending from July 3rd to July 14th last. She wanted to see for herself how the poor victims of ruthless circumstances were looked after and provided for, and she was the more eager to do this because she knew what splendid men our soldiers are in civil life, and how they had willingly sacrificed the quiet of their daily toil in order to combat the greatest menace that has ever assailed the liberties of free peoples.

"There was another reason. The Queen deeply sympathised with France in the conflict which was wickedly and unprovokedly forced upon her, and, like the King, she wished to manifest that sympathy by going on French soil, and mixing with French people in the midst of the greatest trial they have ever been called upon to suffer. This stirred to the depths the warm hearts of our noble Ally, and the enthusiasm with which the Queen was greeted by all classes of Frenchmen and Frenchwomen was as whole-hearted and spontaneous as that which was shown by our own men and women. They stood for hours at the roadsides to see the Queen's car go past, and cast beautiful flowers into it, shouting, 'Vive la Reine d'Angleterre.'

"The 'dumb servants of the King' were not forgotten, and all lovers of our dumb friends will be glad to know that the Queen was particularly anxious as to their welfare, and entered minutely into the provisions made for them at a base veterinary hospital."

At a meeting of the British Women's Patriotic League, held at 21, Carlton House Terrace, Lady Campbell stated that the League had asked for money to provide 1,000 anti-vermin shirts for experiments at the Lister Institute. Vermin was a medium for the conveyance of the typhus germ, and the hope of the League was that if their experiments turned out a success the Government would take the matter up.

THE MANOR HOUSE ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL, HAMPSTEAD.

One more beautiful property has been acquired for the treatment of disabled soldiers. The Manor House, Hampstead, has recently been opened for a hospital for orthopædic cases requiring special and protracted treatment.

The house, surrounded by nine acres of grounds, commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country, far away into Hertfordshire.

One can hardly imagine, once inside the grounds, that they are situated in a thickly populated suburb within ten minutes of a tube station. The house has been adapted for administrative purposes, and the annexe contains the wards and treatment departments.

The staff consists of the Matron and twenty-five nurses and V.A.D.s. That they are well housed and cared for is evidenced in their comfortable sitting and dining rooms, both possessing beautiful outlooks. Miss Christie Webber, the Matron, believes in considering her nursing staff in every reasonable way, and this is, of course, sound policy. In the dining room we especially noticed the table cloths of white pegamoid which has the appearance of new damask. These are sponged over every day with soapy water, the result being that the table cloths are always clean, and the laundry bill is no heavier for it.

The wards in the annexe or huts contain thirty-four beds. At present the hospital has 102 beds, but it is proposed to extend it considerably when the funds permit.

The colouring of the walls is of soft cream shade, and the woodwork is painted brown; the pink bedspreads harmonize well with the colour scheme, and the whole effect is restful without being overdone.

Attached to each ward is the bathroom and lavatory for the bad cases, but the more able-bodied have their bathroom, washing-basins, and lavatories farther up the corridor. These are arranged cubicle fashion, and the men have access to the baths at all times.

There is a splendid electrical and massage department containing twelve couches and the very latest electrical apparatus. In an adjoining room there are two whirlpool baths which the patients greatly appreciate for their soothing influence.

Six masseuses are employed, who each treat fourteen cases a day. The spacious conservatory makes an attractive smoking lounge, and the men are the happy possessors of a full-size billiard table.

Many of the patients have their khaki restored to them, which they much appreciate. Leave is based upon the amount of work done by those for whom it is physically possible.

The men who volunteer to work both morning and evening have the privilege of a daily evening pass. This plan must be a great stimulus to

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