

A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

FARM COLONY FOR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

We have received from Lord Balfour of Burleigh and other Hon. Officers associated with the above scheme a very urgent appeal on behalf of sailors and soldiers suffering from tuberculosis. They say:—

"Every citizen-soldier who, in fighting for his country, has lost his health, and thereby the means of self-support, becomes of necessity the care of the nation.

"Who so dead to patriotism, so lost in selfish-

suitable new employment is the next duty of the Colony.

"The Farm Colony is a proved success. For example, the Royal Victoria Farm Colony, near Edinburgh, founded by Sir Robert Philip in 1910, in four years passed out 88 fit men to employments for the most part new to them. At least 14 of them have been with the Colours throughout the war, and have stood the trying campaign excellently well.

"The Farm Colony for Sailors and Soldiers (for which the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, to which we are indebted for our illustration, appeals) aims at completing the cure of suitable patients from hospitals and sana-



AT THE FARM COLONY NEAR EDINBURGH: "COLONISTS" GATHERING THE FIRST POTATOES.

ness, who would deny to the war-shattered hero not only the necessities of his condition, but a debt of gratitude as well?

"Three classes of the disabled call for consideration, because they cannot return to the old ways of life:

"*The Blind*.—Because they have to make a new way in a dark world.

"*The Limbless*.—Because they have to adjust themselves to new conditions of life and work.

"*The Tuberculous*.—Because they have to go through a long cure, and need oftentimes to find new employment.

"Already the case of the blind and the limbless is well in hand—let us think of the tuberculous.

"Many patients can never return to their old employment with safety. To teach them some

toria, helping them to work out their salvation under proper conditions, training those who require it in some open-air, healthy occupation suited to their condition, especially fitting them for a life on the land, that they may become once more self-supporting citizens."

Hospital and Sanatorium treatment may arrest the disease, but experience shows that robust health can only be re-established by graduated physical work under proper conditions for a sufficient length of time—this is the first care of the Colony.

It is estimated that £50,000 will be needed for this Colony. Donations will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, The Lord Glenconner, at 20, Hanover Square, London, W.

This is one of the urgent problems of the war.

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