

## CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

### A ROYAL MATINEE.

Under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, who will be present, a Royal Matinée will be held at the London Palladium, W., in aid of the fund for clearing off the debt of £14,000 on the New Chelsea Hospital for Women, on Friday, March 15th. The artists appearing make success secure, amongst them Little Tich, Lorna and Toots Pounds, Amy Evans, Mary Law, Max Darewski, Versatile Three, Sam Barton, Hammond and Swanstone, and Marcelle and his Seal.

### EDUCATIONAL LECTURES FOR WOUNDED AND CONVALESCENT SOLDIERS.

Some weeks ago several wounded men at the Great Northern Central Hospital made up their minds to organise lectures on educational subjects chiefly technical. Private Mallet, who, before volunteering early in 1915, was a student in training as a teacher of handicraft at the L.C.C. Shoreditch Technical Institute, approached, on behalf of these men, the hospital authorities, and through Principal S. Hicks, some members of the staff of the Institute. At a meeting held at the hospital, the men stated very clearly what they feel they need. Some few want books and guidance in taking up again and continuing their pre-war studies in such subjects as industrial chemistry, mathematics, accountancy, education, &c. Some asked for one or two lectures on gardening or agriculture; others are anxious to know something of the training that might be given them in boot making, cabinet making, wood-carving, picture frame making, bookbinding, &c. Many are interested in commercial work, others in architecture, while some asked for guidance in the study of English literature. Mr. Harris, Chief Librarian at the Islington Central Library, has kindly offered his services and expert advice in supplying standard technical books on loan to soldiers, and a course of lectures on many of the above subjects will be begun at once. Mr. P. A. Wells, Head of the Cabinet Making Department of the L.C.C. Shoreditch Technical Institute commenced the series by giving a lantern lecture on "Furniture" on Friday, March 8th. The Principal of the Institute will give a lecture on the "Fisher Education Bill, and the Need for Technical Teachers."

Whenever possible, the speakers will be men who have had experience as practical craftsmen, or teachers, or both, and they will be able to answer the very relevant questions the soldiers have to ask. The authorities of the Great Northern Central Hospital are inviting to these lectures soldier out-patients, discharged men, and convalescent soldiers from other hospitals. Mr. A. Rowam, Normal Master, Training of Teachers Department, L.C.C. Shoreditch Technical Institute, has volunteered his services as adviser in connection with educational and allied occupations.

### MEMORIAL TO DR. ELSIE INGLIS.

The proposal to raise a memorial to commemorate the medical work of the late Dr. Elsie Inglis, Edinburgh, has now taken definite shape, and a representative committee, with Miss S. E. S. Mair, Edinburgh, and Mrs. James T. Hunter, Glasgow, as joint conveners; Mrs. Wallace Williamson, 44, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, as Hon. Treasurer; and Mrs. Johnston, 10, Wester Coates Avenue, Edinburgh, as Hon. Secretary, has been formed to carry the scheme into effect. The memorial will represent the twofold character of Dr. Inglis's work—that which she inaugurated in 1889 by starting the hospice in High Street, Edinburgh, as a nursing home for poor women, and that by which she has been more widely known, her medical work in Serbia during the war. The proposal is to enlarge the hospice and endow it for teaching purposes, and the other branch of the scheme is the establishment in Serbia after the war of a memorial hospital and training school for Serbian nurses, and in maintaining during the war the Elsie Inglis Hospital, which the Scottish Women's Hospital is equipping for Serbians in France.

### A TRUE CHUM.

Speaking at the Kennington Theatre on Saturday, Lord Denbigh told a nice little story. He said that when walking through the House of Commons a few days ago he saw two wounded Australian privates. They appeared to be dwarfs, but on drawing closer he noticed that their legs had been shattered below the knee.

He said to one of them, "Haven't you been fitted with artificial legs yet?" The elder of the two replied: "Yes, I have, and I am going along with them all right, but my pal has not, and as he is a bit shy about going out along with his stumps, I left my legs behind."

Isn't that just like a true chum?

## MINISTERS AND THE PRESS.

No class of workers have suffered so much from the gross injustice of the Metropolitan Press, and exploitive so-called "Nursing Press" as trained nurses. The debate criticising the Press relations of the Government on Monday last will therefore have their warm sympathy. The financial cost of running a newspaper is so great that those who pay call the tune, and this often results in ruthless boycott and unfairness to those who cannot pay.

The columns of advertisements distributed in support of the so-called "Nation's Fund for Nurses" and the exclusion of letters from trained nurses and others objecting to its methods and degrading effects, is a plain case of cause and effect, and demonstrates the danger to the personal liberty of the community of the present system,

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