

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The Hotel Petrograd, North Audley Street, W., has been procured by the Office of Works, on behalf of the War Office, for the purpose of converting it into a hospital for the Canadian Forces. The hotel is of modern construction, and very suitable for the purpose for which it has been acquired.

It is announced in the official organ of the British Red Cross Society that after careful consideration of the sites available in the royal parks for the hospital which is to be presented to the American Red Cross by the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, the one finally selected is in Richmond Park. The original intention was to place the hospital in Windsor Great Park, and His Majesty the King had graciously consented to give a site in that park for the purpose, but it was found impossible to carry out this intention, owing to difficulties of drainage, clay, soil, &c. The site which has now been selected in Richmond Park is pronounced by the War Office and other experts to be satisfactory in every way. It stands high; it is on gravel soil; water, gas, and electric light are easily procurable; and it is within a mile of two stations on the main line from Southampton. The Office of Works has undertaken the construction, the necessary funds being provided by the Joint War Committee. Work will begin at once, and it is hoped that a hospital may be provided within the next few months which will be worthy of the acceptance of the American Red Cross and of the American sick and wounded for whom it is intended.

It is also announced that a new problem in hospital work was presented to the American Red Cross in Great Britain recently by the large number of small camps of American soldiers, particularly aviators, which have been opened in various parts of the British Isles. These camps are too small to require the installation of a large hospital, but there are frequent cases of illness or accident, and the camps are generally situated at points far distant from the regular military hospitals. The problem has been met by the establishment in each camp of a small "tent hospital," where American soldiers suffering from minor ailments can be cared for satisfactorily. More than fifty of these tent hospitals have been set up in various small American camps during the past few weeks, each accommodating from four to ten patients.

The Italian Red Cross Committee, 2, Albemarle Street, Piccadilly, W. 1, is extremely anxious to secure names of ladies who will be willing either to take charge of depôts or to act as sellers on the Flag Day on September 25th. Each seller will be subsequently notified as to the amount

of her sales on the Flag Day, and will also receive an official letter of thanks from the Italian Red Cross.

General Humbert, in command of the Third French Army, has conferred upon Section 2 of the British Ambulance Committee the rare distinction of the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

In a despatch of July 3rd the General wrote: "Attached to the division since January, 1917, the Section has, under the orders of its commandant, aroused universal admiration, especially during the operations from June 9th to 13th, 1918 (at Ribecourt). In spite of the fact that several of the ambulances were injured by the bombardment, the work of evacuating the wounded never ceased, the cars continuing to fetch the wounded from the most advanced and dangerous posts, close to the enemy."

The distinction can only be awarded by a general in command of an army. The Section are entitled to paint it on their ambulances.

The public will learn with relief that our hospitals at the Front have been placed some distance from the fighting units. They are clearly marked, and, of course, when bombed were intentionally attacked. By-the-by, we hear that the German aviation officer who was taken prisoner after the wholesale slaughter at Etaples and warded, demanded to be at once taken to a place of safety, and hysterically resented the chance of death at the hands of his cowardly compatriots!

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY.

A vase of red, pink, and mauve carnations, and spikes of red and white gladioli, with delicate green fern fronds, before the War Shrine in Hyde Park, on Saturday last, attracted considerable attention. Attached to the flowers, by a ribbon of the national colours, was a black-edged card bearing in Queen Alexandra's handwriting the words: "In grateful memory to our brave and splendid soldiers who gave their lives for King and country. God bless them all.—From Alexandra."

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

NURSING SERVICE.

DIED.

We regret to record the following death in the Nursing Service.

KEMP, Staff Nurse C. M. F., Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

WEDDING BELLS.

A marriage has been arranged, and will very shortly take place, between the Rev. George Berens-Duwdeswell, Rector of Foot's Cray, Kent, and Miss Eveleen M. Hunter, Matron of the Cray Valley Hospital, St. Mary Cray. We wish them every happiness.

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