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Practical Loyalty at Marple.



GROUP TAKEN AT BRABYNS HALL.

Wounded Soldiers and some of the Patriotic Ladies and Gentlemen of Marple whose loyalty is being shown in a practical manner. We feel really proud of the manner in which they have come forward in this time of stress and anxiety. All honour to them.

Second row : Nurse Barlow, Nurse Turner, Nurse Kaye, Nurse Hague, Miss Hudson (Brabyns Hall), Sister Podmore, Nurse Jack, Miss Ruth Hudson, Nurse Scott. Mr. T. M. Bevan (Chief of Guard).

Bottom row : Three wounded Belgian soldiers.

Photo by Percy Tew, A.R.M.C.M., Marple

Wounded Soldiers at Marple

BRABYNS HALL OCCUPIED AT LAST.

OUR SHELL-BATTERED HEROES.

NURSED BY MARPLE LADIES.

CALM AFTER THE STORM.

On Saturday last ten severely wounded British soldiers were brought to Marple to be nursed back to health and strength within the peaceful precincts of secluded Brabyns Hall, which had been kindly lent to the Red Cross Society by Miss Hudson. There had been several rumours, more or less authentic, of the coming of Belgian or British soldiers to Marple, but owing to the serious condition of the soldiers it had not been possible to move them from the military hospitals. The soldiers badly battered by war were brought to Marple, on Saturday, in three motor cars, and they arrived at Brabyns Hall about 4-30. They were received at the Hall by Miss Hudson in person, and a staff of local nurses, several of whom were trained, and others who had undergone a course of training at the Red Cross lectures given by Dr. Tierney. After extending a hearty welcome to the soldiers, Miss Hudson conducted them to their rooms, where everything had been in readiness for weeks, and the bedding, etc., had been kept constantly aired, ready for the reception of the wounded at short notice. Dr. Tierney then examined the men's wounds, and after the necessary particulars had been taken they sat down to tea, which was served in the large and well-appointed dining-room. Some of the men had been in the war since the commencement, and had never had their clothes off, or had the pleasure of sleeping in a bed. In spite of their terrible ordeal, the men, who are of fine physique, were rather exhausted. They had travelled from the South of England during the preceding night, and were examined at the Second Western General Hospital, Whitworth-street, Manchester, before being sent out to Marple. We are glad to say their wounds are not such as to cause the medical attendants any anxiety, and, with the good food and rest which is now assured them as long as they remain here, these men, who have gone through so much, will, no doubt, speedily recover.

AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH.

On Sunday morning, on their own desire, the wounded soldiers attended St. Martin's Church, which is situated near the Hall. They were, naturally, the object of much interest to the congregation. The Rev. W. H. Hickson, in his sermon, spoke to the men in encouraging and sympathetic terms. During the week the men have enjoyed their new surroundings, dividing their time in walks round the villages, and the Hall grounds, and sitting in the spacious room at the Hall, which has been converted into a smokers' room. There are four bedrooms, each with holding capacity for four beds. Up to now there are twelve beds, ten of which are occupied. It is expected that ten more soldiers will be sent this week, and for these preparations are almost complete. The rooms used by the soldiers are bedrooms, bathrooms, mess room, and smoke room. In the smoke room, which is the favourite "den," there is an abundance of literature, magazines, illustrated papers, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, etc., for their enjoyment. Each man is provided with a sleeping suit, and a pair of soft slippers, and the latter are welcome comforts after wearing the heavy boots for so long.

THRILLING EXPERIENCES.

GERMAN GUNS CLOSE UP TRENCHES.

When a "Herald" representative visited Brabyns Hall, on Tuesday, Miss Hudson very courteously directed him to the smoke room, where the soldiers were smoking, chatting, or reading the magazines and papers. They were waiting for their morning shave and examination by Dr. Burton (he and Dr. Tierney attend on alternate days). They all appeared to be happy and contented, and, in answer to a query by our representative, Private T. Smith, an intelligent Londoner, who is in the Scottish Rifles, said they were all doing exceedingly well, and it was good to find such a hospitable home after their three months of war. Every one of them had been recently wounded, and had come straight from the field hospital to England, and on to Manchester and Marple. The soldiers declined to enter into any detailed narrative of their individual experiences, as they said they had been ordered not to report anything under pain of some penalty. They have, of course, interesting narratives to tell, and they have all felt the staggering effects of the shells of the German guns. In many cases, they said, the concussion and displacement of the ground caused by the enemy's shells had been such that trenches had been completely closed up, burying the soldiers within, and many had suffered death in this way. It is not rifle fire that they fear, but the effects of the big guns, which are horrible. The men told our representative the following brief accounts of themselves.

Lance Corporal J. Doherty, of Sligo, of the 4th Connaught Rangers, is suffering from a sprained foot, received during a charge in Belgium. While they were charging, he accidentally fell in a trench.

Private John Lannan (7176), of the 2nd Yorkshire Regiment, a native of Leeds, was wounded on the 23rd of October, a bullet piercing his hand. This occurred on the Aisne. While in the field hospital, the Germans shelled it, and it was destroyed. He was reported missing, and the wounded had to go four miles away.

Private James Walker (8699), of the Royal Scotch Fusiliers, is a burly Scotsman, and a native of Ayrshire. He was wounded on the 20th October, in France. He received a piece of shrapnel on the left side of the head (it is swathed in bandages), and on the left shoulder. His company, with another one, was under cover when the shrapnel burst, and his two chums were badly injured. Most of the men were wounded.

Private Spencer Diplock (8232), of the Royal West Kent Regiment, is a native of Rotherfield, Kent. He was wounded on the 25th October, between Lille and La Basse, when with the 15th brigade. He had the first finger of his right hand shot away from the first joint. He had seen a lot of fighting, and had been in some of the close fighting.

Private Roderick MacIver, of the Gordon Highlanders, who is wearing his kilts, was wounded on the right hip with a bullet. The Germans were breaking through the lines when he was wounded, and he fell out as reinforcements came, and they chased the Germans back again. He reached the field hospital, and was transferred to a splendid hotel at Boulogne, and then on to Southampton. MacIver is a typical Scotsman.

Private F. West, of the 2nd Coldstream Guards, received a bullet wound in the forearm. He was confined to bed on Tuesday, as he was a little feverish, but he was able to get about on Thursday.

Private Percy Kenknight, of the Royal West Kent Regiment, was wounded, last Sunday week, at La Basse. He was a native of Rochester, Kent. He was wounded in the back, between the shoulders, by a "Jack Johnson" shell.

Private J. Sadler, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, a native of Sussex, was wounded with a shrapnel in the right forearm, in Belgium, the week before last. He said the only day they could distinguish from the others was Sunday, because the fighting was hottest on that day.

A.B. L. Simpson, R.F.R., is a sailor, having served 25 years in the Navy. He had been nine years on the reserve, and was on board the illfated "Amphion," which was sunk in the Thames. He has been invited to Brabyns as a guest. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown, as a result of the nerve shattering experiences on board the "Amphion." A ship will be ready for him, he says, when he is ready to go back. His home is at Miles Platting, Manchester. He went into an Isle of Wight hospital, and from there to Queen Mary's Hospital in Scotland, and then he was sent home.

Private T. Smith, of the 1st Scottish Rifles, a native of London, was wounded on the 23rd October, between Armentieres and Lille, during a night attack. The only wound he had received, though he had been out ever since the war started, was the one he was suffering from now. The first finger of his left hand had been shot away from the first joint. He was taken to Boulogne, and then on to the Manchester Hospital.

Private A. Happer, of the King's Royal Rifles, is suffering from a shrapnel wound in the forearm.

A relic of the battlefield has been brought back by the soldiers, in the form of a piece of a German shell, which shows the big nose of brass. Private Walker has also some German bullets; the only difference between them and the British bullets is that they are sharper at the point.

The soldiers have made no complaints concerning either want of food, or the general care taken of them during the campaign, although the supplies of such articles as tobacco and cigarettes had, at times, been very much felt. The pressure in the hospitals had been, as everyone knew, extreme, and some of the men had remarked that it seemed to them that the German wounded, when treated in English hospitals, had at least as much attention as wounded Britishers.

The nurses who comprise the staff at Brabyns are Sister Nurse Podmore (head nurse), Nurse Mrs. W. Hague and Nurse Miss Glover (trained nurses); Nurses Milton, Cresswell, Buck, (Mrs.) Webb, and Jack. The latter ladies are members of the Red Cross Detachment. They are all attired in the neat regulation uniform, with print dresses, white pinafores and caps; the red cross badge being on the front of the pinafore. The lady nurses are looking after the "boys" very well indeed. There is much good natured chaff indulged in, and we are sure these warriors will be sorry when they come to have to leave cosy Brabyns Hall.

The gentleman who is very busy just now is Mr. G. F. Buck, the secretary of Field Houses, Marple, and he is deserving of much praise for the manner in which he has made the arrangements for the reception and care of the soldiers. Mr. T. M. Bevan and Mr. R. Laird have organised a body of guards, who are taking duty in couples at the Hall. Their services have been found very useful in keeping fires in, and attending to the requirements of the nurses during the nights. One or two of the nurses are living at the Hall, but so far they have not had much work during the nights.

AN APPEAL.

An earnest appeal is made by the officials for gifts of magazines, illustrated papers, smoking requisites for the soldiers at Brabyns, and anything that a generous public feels inclined to give of this character will be greatly appreciated.

Nov. 7th

Marple has many things to be proud of, and to remember, in connection with this war, and this week she has added to her notable annals by receiving in her midst a number of wounded British soldiers. These brave heroes are being cared for in a manner characteristic of the village, in Brabyns Hall, which, through the generosity and kindness of Miss Hudson, has been placed absolutely at the disposal of the Red Cross Society. Marple ladies are giving their services as nurses, and Marple doctors are attending daily to the wounded men. The public, also, are showing their sympathy in a splendid manner, and gifts of magazines, illustrated, and other papers, cigarettes, cigars, and smoking requisites, are being sent to Brabyns, by generous-hearted people. We should, however, like to take this opportunity of reminding the public, especially those who may associate or interest themselves in these convalescent warriors, that during their stay in this neighbourhood they are, to all intents and purposes, Miss Hudson's guests, and are not directly under military control and discipline. We know, of course, that everyone will be anxious to make them welcome, and show them all the hospitality possible, and it is in this latter respect that some caution is desirable. There are many and various ways of extending hospitality to these brave men who have bled for us, but it is fervently hoped that excess of any description will be discouraged, as it will be readily seen that such excess will not only retard their recovery, but will also lower their personal dignity, and through them that of the great service which they so worthily uphold. We all honour and respect them as members of the national fighting forces, and we feel sure it would be a cause of much pain if the conduct of anyone of them should modify these feelings which we all feel towards them. It must be remembered that they have suffered greatly, and their return to normal life, after their horrible experiences on the battle field, is calculated to have wrought changes in their disposition and temperament. They have suffered and bled for us. Let us, therefore, care for them, and assist the nurses and doctors as far as in our power lies to bring them back to health and strength again as speedily as possible.



1914. Nov 7th



Nurses: Simpson A.B.
 Pt. Kennington
 Landan
 Smith
 Walker
 Ascher
 Doherty
 Diphlock
 Lee
 Donny Webb
 Milton Hagne
 (Sister - Matron)
 Podmore Buck Jack

Nov. 4
 1914.

War Heroes at Marple.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT BRABYNS HALL.

GOOD FOOD AND CAREFUL NURSING.

THREE BELGIAN SOLDIERS ARRIVE.

The twenty-two wounded soldiers at the Brabyns Hall Red Cross Hospital, Marple, are making most satisfactory progress towards recovery, thanks to excellent nursing, good food, and comfortable surroundings. Up to last Thursday week there were ten soldiers at Brabyns Hall, but on that day twelve more arrived in motor cars, and this party included three Belgian soldiers, two of whom were wounded, and the third suffering from rheumatism, as a result of exposure in the trenches. The accommodation at the hall was therefore all taken up, but it is expected that probably during next week several of the earlier arrivals will be so far recovered as to enable the doctors to certify them fit to go to their homes for a week or two's furlough prior to returning to their regiments, and the scene of the fighting. The names and nature of the wounds of the soldiers who arrived last Thursday are as follows:—

Sergt. Ernest Davies, King's Own Light Infantry, bullet wound in left hand.

Lance-Corpl. George Babb, 1st Lincolns, bullet wound in right forearm.

Driver C. Pethers, Royal Engineers, admitted to hospital Nov. 1st, with abdominal contusions.

Private George Morrish, 1st Royal West Kent Regt., bullet wound in left hand.

Private John Hawkes, 1st Royal West Kent Regt., bullet wound in left hand.

Private Ernest Mitchell, 2nd West Kent Regt., admitted to Hospital Oct. 19th, with bullet wound in right leg.

Private W. Watts, 2nd Oxford and Bucks Regt., admitted Nov. 1st with shrapnel in the head and left leg.

Private Albert Green, 1st Royal Bucks, admitted to hospital Nov. 1st with gunshot wound in the left shoulder.

Private J. Carruthers, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, admitted Nov. 1st with shrapnel wound in left big toe.

Private Jules Verhaert, 8th Belgian Infantry, admitted into hospital on Oct. 26th, with shrapnel wound in the arm.

Private Victor Pannewuche, of the 3rd Belgian Chasseurs, admitted into hospital on Oct. 28th, with bullet wound in right arm.

Private Maurice Wallbock, of the 13th Belgian Infantry Regt., admitted to hospital Oct. 26th, with rheumatism.

All the wounds, thanks to skilful attention by doctors Burton, Tierney, and Hibbert, who give their services on alternate days, and excellent nursing by Sister Podmore, Nurse Hague, Nurse Milton, Nurse Barlow, Nurse Scott, Nurse Sugden, Nurse Turner (this week) are doing exceedingly well, and some of the men will be fit to be sent on furlough. According to the latest regulations, as soon as the medical men at Brabyns are satisfied with the man's condition. He will be sent direct to his home before rejoining the colours. Deficiencies in his clothing will be made good, and at the end of his furlough he will be ready to rejoin his unit. As we intimated last week, these men are still patients in a military hospital, and therefore under that department's control. They are, according to strict regulations, confined to the hospital grounds. This being the case, it will be obvious that they are to a large extent thrown on their own resources for amusement, and although a number of games have been provided, such as cards, etc., and a piano has been very kindly lent by Mr. Hamilton Harris, the famous bass vocalist, and a phonograph by another friend, more games and

MEANS OF AMUSEMENT WOULD BE WELCOMED.

There is no lack of papers, books, and periodicals, which the men find a great boon. Thanks to the mild weather, the men have been able to get out into the grounds a great deal, but as some of them are quite lame they have not been able to walk far. We have had the hint given us that a covered outdoor shelter might be beneficial, to which a lame man could hobble and sit, and enjoy a book and a smoke in the fresh air, and have the benefit of the sun's rays, when his beneficent majesty makes his rare visits. If, therefore, any reader has anything of the kind, a portable hut or shelter, we know that the authorities would be very grateful for its loan.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

Funds towards the expenses of the hospital still continue to come in, and at the football match, on Saturday, at Marple, the Boy Scouts, with their usual enterprise, collected over a sovereign from the spectators. With regard to the Belgian soldier who is suffering from rheumatism, as a result of his ordeal in the trenches, an attempt is being made to effect an exchange with a wounded case from Buxton hospital, because, as is well known, the latter place is unrivalled as a cure place for rheumatism.

The men are enjoying their stay at Marple as thoroughly as their sufferings, and the horrors of the war, which still haunt them, will permit. Nothing is spared that will conduce to their comfort and enjoyment, and their daily life is such that they cannot fail to make a speedy recovery. They have breakfast from 9 to 9.30, and the meal consists of bacon and bread, with tea or coffee; milk and cake at 11 o'clock; dinner at 1, consisting of two big joints of roast beef, vegetables and potatoes, pudding, etc.; tea at 5 o'clock, consisting of cake and jam, bread and butter, and tea; supper at 8 o'clock, consisting of cottage pie, cold beef, celery and cheese and bread, and cocoa; bed at 9.30.

During the day they enjoy themselves according to their inclinations, between tea and supper time cards, etc., are played. On Monday evening a concert was given. Nurse Barlow rendered several songs very tastefully, and Nurse Turner accompanied. Several of the soldiers, and the sailor (L. Simpson), who showed something more than ordinary ability, also sang solos and rag-time songs.

On Monday afternoon nine of the soldiers, accompanied by Nurse Buck, visited the Marple Cripples' Home, and the little ones had an experience they have never had before of making friends with soldiers who have been in battle. Both the little ones and the soldiers thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

On Sunday morning last twelve of the soldiers visited St. Martin's Church, and the Rev. W. Hickson (vicar) preached another very inspiring sermon. In the evening three of them again attended service. Several of the men, being Catholics, attended the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Marple Bridge.

THE CIVIL GUARD.

Mr. T. M. Bevan, the organiser of the special civilian guard for service at the Brabyns Hall has experienced nothing but willingness on the part of the men of Marple to act in the capacity of guard at the Hall. Two gentlemen stay at the Hall every night, and their duty is to be at the disposal of the nurses for anything they might require, to guard the Hall, to attend to the fires, etc., a work which to many is as interesting as it is novel, but nevertheless entered into with enthusiasm. The gentlemen who have done duty up to Wednesday night are as follow:—Messrs. T. M. Bevan (chief of the guard), S. L. Laird, E. H. Turner (scoutmaster), R. H. Oldfield, Wm. Moss, Stanley Jack, Joe Radcliffe, Gordon Cresswell, Wm. Kent, J. Parker-Smith, Joseph Pott, Wm. Crossley, Sl. Livesley, John Hallam, Percy Tew, H. Turner (sen.) J. Rowbotham, E. O. Furness, J. B. Jubb, the Rev. W. H. Batho Gibbon (Wesleyan Minister), the Rev. R. A. Foster (Congregational minister), on Tuesday night Messrs. J. H. Stott, and Joe Hyde, on Wednesday night. There is a long list of names yet, sufficient to go about another fortnight without calling a second time on anyone.



1. Hawke. R. West Kent.
2. Hopper. Kings R. Rifles.
3. Smith. 1st Scot. Rifles.
4. Walker. R. Scot. Fusiliers
5. Sannan. 2nd Yorkshire.
6. Watts. Oxford & Berks
7. Babb. 1st Lincoln L. Corp.
8. Sadler R. A.M.C.
9. Davis. King's Own ^{Field} Infantry. Sergt.
10. Peltham. R. Engineers.
11. Mitchel. R. W. Kent.
12. Carruthers. 1st Northumberland Fusiliers
13. Diplock. R. West Kent.
14. Ken Knight. " " "
15. Morris. " " "
16. Doherty. Connaught Rangers.

17. Mr Bevan.
18. Nurse Barlow.
19. " Turner.
20. " Kay.
21. Sister Maggie
22. Miss Hudson. - with Denry
23. Sister Podmore (Matron)
24. Nurse Jack R.
25. Miss Ruth Hudson.
26. Nurse Scott.
27. Rodric M. Goo. - Gordon High
28. Harold.
29. Jules — } 8th Infantry. Belgium
30. Victor — } 3rd Chasseurs.
31. Maurice — } 1st Infantry.
32. Jack Simpson. A.B. J.M.S.
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More Wounded Soldiers Come to Marple.

22 NOW AT BRABYNS HALL.

AN OFFICIAL RESTRICTION.

On Thursday noon twelve more wounded British soldiers arrived at Brabyns Hall, in motor cars, from Manchester. The number now at the Hall is 22, and the accommodation is all taken up. The new arrivals have all been wounded during the last week or two, and they are apparently as exhausted and battle-worn as were the ten who came on Saturday last. They are from various regiments; two are from the Royal West Kent Regiment, and the others are from the 1st Lincolns, Royal Engineers, Oxford and Berkshire Light Infantry, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, Northumberland Fusiliers, and 1st Royal Berkshires. One case at least is complicated, the patient having been ordered to bed suffering from pneumonia. By the way, the men appeared to enjoy the dinner, which was waiting for them on arrival at the Hall; they have passed through very trying times. They are very pleased to have found such a haven after the experiences of the past few months.

While the men are here they are not directly under military control, though Miss Hudson has made herself responsible to the authorities for them. By order of the central authorities the patients staying in the hospital are not permitted, except with special permission, to leave the grounds, and within the next few days some time for visitors to go and see them will be arranged.

The wounds of these men are strikingly similar to those of the former arrivals, leg and arm injuries being most common.

Everything possible is being done by the persons in authority to make them comfortable, and Mr. Hamilton Harris has promised to give his services for a smoking concert, which will be arranged.

What appears to be troubling the men most is the fact that they are getting very few letters. One of the number who came last week has had several letters from his wife, but several have not heard a word, though they have written several times. What a letter means to these men cannot be easily appreciated by those who have not been face to face with death, as these heroes have daily for weeks. The receipt of ever so brief a missive from those dear to them acts like magic on their spirits. When they are settled, though most of them are so far away from their homes, their correspondence will be more frequent.

Nov 5th 1914

Reporter Nov 14th

We have been asked how it is that all the resident doctors in Marple have not been asked to take duty at attending the wounded soldiers who are at Brabyns Hall under the auspices of the Marple Red Cross Society? We confess we do not know—not being in the counsels of that august institution which seems almost as inaccessible as the Dalai Lama of Tibet. We look in vain also for the name of a single nurse representing the working class. How is this? Is it because women of the working class are devoid of sympathy and gentleness? Or do they desire not to help in a good cause? Or is it because they are not in one of the various aristocratic, wealthy, or middle-class cliques which dominate the public life of Marple? Or is it that the Jews will have no dealing with the Samaritans?

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dance,

The soldiers who, having been nursed back to health and strength at Brabyns Hall, will leave this week to spend a week or two at their homes before setting out again to meet the foe, will take with them happy recollections of their stay in that pretty secluded spot on the wooded banks of the Goyt. Not anywhere else in the country have our soldiers received better treatment than they have during the three weeks that these soldiers have been at Brabyns. The band of nurses have done more than attend to the wants of these men; they have, like their noble sisters of old, gone about with cheery word and gracious smile, healing with kindness and sympathy. After their terrible trials in the shell-torn trenches, these battered heroes have come to the fount of mercy here, and have been cured with astonishing rapidity. The changed conditions experienced by these men, from the horrible nightmare in France and Belgium, to the peaceful quiet of rural Marple, was such that had they been allowed to ponder over their immediate past, their recovery could not have been as satisfactory as in every case it has been. They have not been allowed to wander into that state, but, thanks to the cheerfulness of the nurses, and the consideration of ladies and gentlemen in the district, their daily lives have been full of interesting incidents. Those who, out of their uncharitable store, are fit to point a finger of criticism at what has been so well and nobly done at Brabyns, by Miss Hudson, and the ladies of Marple, who have given of their time and their labour in this supremely Christian work, ought to be asked, and to be forced, at the pain of public execration, to answer the question "What are you doing?"

Army.

AT BRABYNS HOSPITAL.—This week Jules Verhaert, a wounded Belgian soldier, who has been at the Brabyns Hall Red Cross Hospital, leaves Marple for Folkestone. Later—most likely towards the end of this week, nine or ten men will be ready to obtain their discharge from the hospital. They will be able to go when they get new kits, and no doubt their places will be filled by other patients. On Saturday evening Mr. Hamilton Harris gave a vocal recital, and was assisted by Mr. Groves, who contributed 'cello solos in his usual delightful way. Mr. Groves was the accompanist. Mr. Harris' robust singing was greatly appreciated by the battle-scarred warriors. On Monday night Mr. Gale provided a number of gramophone selections. And altogether the men have had a good time.

The Editor, Clumty down Nov 21/14
Reporter

One tale is good until another is told, and our remarks of last week about the Red Cross Hospital at Brabyns Hall, Marple, for wounded soldiers, have brought out a lot of fact which redound to the credit of everyone associated with the noble work being done at Brabyns. There was an idea abroad that the hospital was a somewhat exclusive affair, that work in connection with it was more honorary than real, and that the presence and assistance of persons of the working class were not welcome. How incorrect and unjust was that idea a few facts and particulars of the work done will show.

Local doctors are present at the hospital several times a day, and the wounded men's injuries are most carefully, thoroughly, and scientifically attended to by doctors and nurses. All the work is done voluntarily and without fee or reward. Every offer of any local medical man to give his services was accepted. As regards the nurses, we are informed that frequent appeals have been made for ladies to make themselves available for nursing by attending Red Cross lectures held in Marple so that they could pass the necessary examination held by a Red Cross doctor to get a Red Cross nursing certificate. No one can be a nurse in a Red Cross Hospital without having a Red Cross certificate. That is a Red Cross rule. And we think it is a good one, for it would not be wise nor just to wounded men to allow unskilled and untaught nurses to deal with open wounds.

With regard to the social aspect of the question, Miss Hudson, the owner of the hall, and every member of the Marple Red Cross Committee, would welcome the aid of any working class nurse, or any other person, holding the Red Cross nursing certificate. But no one—whether she lives in a cottage or a mansion—can nurse in a Red Cross hospital without such certificate. In fact, the committee would like to have many more certified nurses, of any class or creed, as the work promises to fall heavily and to make great calls on the time of the nurses already on the list. Differences of creed and party have disappeared in the general desire to help in a good cause. And zeal for the welfare of the nation and anxiety to work for those who have been wounded and are suffering through fighting for that welfare have burned up class distinction amongst everyone associated with the Brabyns Hall Hospital.

The work of the nurses at the hospital is no sinecure. They begin at eight o'clock in the morning and work hard and unremittingly until nine o'clock at night. And each nurse works like this for a week, and at the conclusion of the week they are fagged and weary. There must be no dirt nor dust about a hospital. Cultured and accomplished ladies have left homes of luxury and ease and gone to Brabyns Hospital and scrubbed floors and worked until they could scarcely bear up. So let us all give them credit. They have learned that labour is noble as well as necessary. They have realised the dignity of labour, the sacredness of service. Well-to-do ladies lie awake in the morning listening for workshop buzzers, ready to leap out of cosy beds into winter cold lest they may be late at the hospital. You may take your hat off to any Red Cross nurse without losing any dignity.

What about the wounded men at Brabyns Hospital? They are having a good time. And they realise it. There never was such a beautiful place as Marple. And the hospital? "That's all right," they answer with a merry twinkle of the eye. "We shall be sorry to leave it." A warm fire burns in the hall. And fires are in every room. The hospital is worthy of all the support it can get from anyone.

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MARPLE RED CROSS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of Brabyns having been a hospital for wounded soldiers for nearly three weeks, I feel it is due to the public who are contributing to its support, to give them a slight outline of its organisation.

It is well-known that in time of peace the British Red Cross Society prepared for time of war. Since 1910 the Marple Branch has been active, and as soon as war was declared, Miss Hudson, one of its committee, offered her house for a Convalescent Hospital for Soldiers. Lady Newton, of Lyme, County Vice-President, accepted the offer, and on August 10th, at a public meeting, held in Marple, Miss Hudson appealed to the neighbourhood to support her in the undertaking. The response has been splendid, with the result that twelve beds were soon equipped. It was not until the last day of October that the first patients arrived; on the same day it was decided, in view of the pressing need for hospital accommodation in the Kingdom, to increase to twenty beds. On 5th November these were all occupied.

The War Office, in consequence of the efficiency of the medical and nursing staffs, now took over the hospital as an auxiliary military one, from the Red Cross Society.

Three local doctors offered to give their services, and are now in regular daily attendance at Brabyns Hospital.

The nursing staff, except for a resident matron, is entirely voluntary. Red Cross nurses and probationers taking their part. In this work of nursing all classes are represented.

As soon as it became known that Brabyns was preparing to be a hospital, offers were received of money and kind, and loans of beds, bedding, and necessary equipment. Every branch of house, kitchen, and laundry work has its voluntary helpers. Tradesmen send gifts, barbers give their services, owners of conveyances take the soldiers drives. They are provided with books and smokes, as well as a gramophone. In addition a piano has been sent to the hospital for their use, and professional musicians arrange entertainments for them.

It is impossible to single out any names, but it will be seen from the foregoing how every class is represented, and how great is the interest shown.

If this good work of making our soldiers strong and able to resume their places in the fighting line is to be continued, much more money will soon be needed.

At present the hospital depends on local Red Cross funds, and the generous public for support. The War Office has been requisitioned for a grant—it is quite uncertain whether this will be forthcoming.

Miss Hudson's offer of Brabyns as a hospital includes heating and lighting, in addition to accommodation. Also, all kitchen and household work, garden and poultry yard produce, with all wages attendant thereon. The Red Cross and the public are supplying the food and clothing for the men, and the one nurse's salary, as above-mentioned. Economy and efficiency are being aimed at in every department.

Hoping I have not used too much of your space, yours truly,

GERTRUDE FOX,

Springfield, Marple. Hon. Local Secretary.

The Brabyns Hospital.

INSUBORDINATION REPORTED.

Nine Men Leave the Hospital Almost Ready for the Fray Again.

The happiness which has prevailed at Brabyns Hall since the arrival of the wounded soldiers has been broken this week by a regrettable case of insubordination, which fortunately the citizen guard was able to cope with without the aid of the military. Not least amongst those who are giving voluntary service at the hospital are gentlemen of the village, who have undertaken, and are carrying out with conspicuous success, and to the satisfaction of everyone, the duties of guarding the hall, and attending to the requirements of the nurses on night duty. Although all reasonable comforts are provided, it nevertheless means that a man must be away from home all the night, and it is at least a sacrifice of many hours of rest and sleep. Until Wednesday night, we are happy to say, the functions of these gentlemen had been simply attending to the requirements of the nurses. On Wednesday night, however, certain of the soldiers left the hospital without permission after the prescribed time, and did not return until long after the other patients had had their wounds dressed, and gone to bed. One of them, Private Lennan, of the 2nd Yorkshires, who has been with the colours a number of years, but is now a reservist, became insubordinate, refusing to obey the orders given him by those in authority.

It is obviously essential that discipline should be maintained, and it was decided that this man should be sent back to the military hospital in Manchester, where his case will, no doubt, be suitably dealt with by the military authorities. It is, of course, an exceptional case, and there is not the slightest probability of a recurrence. Accordingly he was taken to Manchester yesterday (Thursday) morning, and Messrs. Buck (secretary), and Bevan accompanied him, and on arrival in Manchester he was handed over to the hospital authorities. Having regard to the fact that these men have little or no money, there is no doubt that this man's bad conduct of Wednesday night, which brought about this regrettable and drastic measure resulted from some misguided person treating him to drink too freely. This thoughtless action will thus cost one of our soldiers dearly, and in all probability will keep him back from returning to the front far longer than otherwise would have been the case. It must not be forgotten that the whole aim and object of our military hospitals is to get wounded men fit again in the shortest possible time, and therefore any act on the part of a civilian, however well meant, which adversely affects the health of a soldier, or is the cause in his behaviour of something which calls for punishment, or detention, is nothing more or less, in the present crisis, than

A CRIME AGAINST THE NATION.

We cannot too strongly urge this point, and remind the public that the return of one of the present fighting force to the firing line is of far more advantage to the country than the enlistment of a greater number of raw recruits. This is a point which we think is sometimes not appreciated.

MEN FIT TO LEAVE.

We are happy to be able to say that the wounds of the men are doing very nicely. The man Green, whose wound in the shoulder was troublesome last week, and which is still very painful, is beginning now to heal. This is one of Dr. Tierney's patients (each doctor, has his own patients, and attends to them every day), and some surgical work was necessary last week. If the new clothing, boots, etc., requisitioned for eight of the remaining men comes to hand, they will leave this week-end, as they have reported by the Secretary (Mr. G. F. Buck) as being fit for discharge on Saturday. A Belgian soldier left on Monday last, and journeyed to Folkestone. The able-seaman Simpson, lately serving in the "Amphion" left to return to his home at Miles Platting on Wednesday. When the eight men have left, there will remain only 11 men at Brabyns, which is exactly the number of the first batch, including the sailor.

"TREATING" WOUNDED SOLDIERS. *Report*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "REPORTER."

Sir,—In your columns appeals have from time to time been made for support to the various auxiliary military hospitals and homes in this district. So far the response has been adequate, and the interest shown widespread. To equip and start these establishments has taken both time and money, and many individuals are devoting all their time and energy to their maintenance. These have made themselves responsible to the authorities for the men entrusted to their care—a no light matter. It is expected that what amounts to military discipline (as obtaining in military hospitals) shall be maintained. Beyond the drastic measure of handing over the disobedient to his depot for punishment, these civilians have practically no means whatsoever of enforcing discipline. Sick and wounded men are, for obvious reasons, quite easily controlled, but when a man is nearing convalescence he naturally wants more freedom, and a change of surroundings. Most of the men are steady, reliable, and a pleasure to meet and know, but there is often the troublesome one, who causes nothing but anxiety from first to last. It has also to be remembered that none of them are up to their normal strength, and that, therefore, excess of any kind has an undue effect.

It is just here where the outside public can assist by helping to amuse and entertain the men inside, and not outside, their quarters. Quite moderate attainments in any suitable line will be appreciated, and the patients like doing their share. This is a very different business to asking and encouraging a weakened man to drink to intoxication, and sending him back into the hands of mere civilians, who can take no steps to deal with his case without bringing down a heavy punishment on the offender. The authorities are not taking a lenient view of such cases brought to them.

It has to be remembered also that from the national point of view these men are skilled and experienced fighters, each worth, when back at the front, several raw recruits. Obviously they should be got there as soon as possible.

Beyond all this, in the event of misdemeanor, is the loss of personal dignity and liberty, disgrace to the uniform, and a slur upon the corps of the delinquent. In short, any such treatment of a soldier, however well meant, is thoughtless, selfish, and unpatriotic, and at the present juncture, when every efficient man is required, might almost be described as treasonable.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE F. BUCK, Hon. Secretary.
Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital.
November 25th, 1914.

During the week the following ladies have been on duty as Red Cross nurses:—Nurses Barlow, D. Hargreaves, Binns, Kershaw, Sewell, Pott, with Sister Podmore. Sister Martin has been on night duty. Next week the nurses on duty will be:—Nurses Cresswell, Hargreaves, Ward, Laird, Farrow, Scholes, with Sister Martin on night duty again.

The gentlemen of the guard who have done duty during the week include Councillor J. T. Pott, J.P., Mr. W. Barratt, Mr. J. P. Smith, Mr. T. M. Bevan, Mr. J. W. Tymm. Col. Wainwright visited the Hall on Wednesday night.

"TREATING" WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

To the Editor of the "North Cheshire Herald."
Sir,—Your urgent and weighty words on the harm done by thoughtless, though doubtless kindly-disposed, persons, who ask and encourage wounded men to drink with them, are well-timed, and very much to the point.

Both from the national point of view, and also from that of the civilians responsible to the authorities for men staying in auxiliary military hospitals and convalescent homes, difficulties and dangers are introduced by this thoughtlessness, which otherwise need not arise. Men are discharged as soon as out of the doctor's hands, only to go home on "sick furlough," which means that they are not even then up to their normal strength, and anything approaching excess is bound to retard their recovery. Besides the loss of the soldiers' personal dignity, and the disgrace to his uniform and corps, the public should remember that at this juncture, when every available man is wanted, the return of one "experienced fighting man" is certainly of more value than the enlistment of several raw recruits.

It is also to be pointed out that there are practically no disciplinary measures available in the hospitals controlled by civilians, other than the handing over of a man to the military authorities, who are not likely, in the circumstances, to take a lenient view of the case. Besides, therefore, the injury to the victim's health, he will have to suffer in other ways, frequently by the loss of his leave to go home, or on sick furlough.

A number of men in and about Marple, recognising our national peril, have enlisted, a proceeding which may eventually cost them their lives; yet, within a few minutes' walk of Brabyns Hall, there were others sufficiently thoughtless and ignorant to fill the ~~woman~~ man with drink, and so bring about the regrettable incident alluded to in your issue of Saturday last! Referring to this, it is desired to say, that though nothing approaching violence took place, the whole occurrence was disagreeable and difficult. Efforts are made to keep the patients interested and amused, but there are necessarily many tedious hours for them, and similar, or worse trouble is almost sure, sooner or later, to come, unless the public help to prevent it. If those possessed of moderate musical and such like skill will come and join the men, and help to entertain them, they may easily do them a greater service than either party may, at the time, perceive.—Yours, etc.,

G. F. BUCK, Hon. Secretary.

The Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital,
Marple Bridge, November 25th, 1914.

Marple Red Cross Society.

QUEEN SENDS HER THANKS.

The Marple Branch of the Red Cross Society has sent seven dozen and three pair of socks and 2 belts away for the use of soldiers at the front, and the following is a copy of a letter received by the Marple Red Cross secretary:—

November 9, 1914.

Gift to the Troops at the Front, from the Queen and the Women of the Empire.
All Communications to be addressed to the Lady-in-Waiting.

Devonshire House, Piccadilly.

The Lady-in-Waiting presents her compliments to Miss Fox, and is commanded by the Queen to thank her and the Marple branch of the Red Cross Society for so kindly contributing socks and belts to the troops at the front.

These gifts are most welcome, and will be sent abroad at once for distribution to the soldiers. St. Martin's Library, Station-road, is used as the office of the local branch of the Red Cross Society from 11—11.30 on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

R 28th, 1914.

Wounded Soldiers Leave Marple.

RAPID RECOVERY UNDER GOOD NURSING.

SORRY TO LEAVE BRABYNS HALL.

On Monday eight of the soldiers who have been staying at the Brabyns Hall Auxiliary Military Hospital, Marple, left for a short furlough to their homes prior to going out to the war again. The men looked exceedingly fit and well, and were very loth to leave their hospitable quarters where they have spent three happy weeks. They have wanted for nothing in the way of comforts and nourishment, and their magnificent constitutions, which were seriously impaired when they came, have been restored, and they go back fit and well to carry on the battles on the continent with renewed courage and energy. As they bade farewell to the nurses and the staff they expressed their gratitude for the great kindness shown them. That they have appreciated to the full what has been done for them by a band of willing and sympathetic people was eloquently emphasised in the words of one of the men in his own blunt way: "Enjoyed it, have we, it is not the place for the likes of us. It is for officers this is. We have never been used to this kind of living; but we feel fit now, and ready for anything." One of the men, Private Hawke, of the Royal West Kent, of splendid memory, went to London, where he is to be married during his short furlough. The men will take back with them happy recollections of their short stay in this secluded, peaceful spot, and when all is over, and normal life resumed, Marple will be remembered by these men, if they live through it, and the kindness of the ladies will be thought of with gratefulness.

SOME THRILLING STORIES.

During their stay in Marple, the men have had many thrilling stories to tell of doings on the battle field. They have maintained a resolute quietness when in the presence of newspaper men, but to others they have told graphic stories of what they have seen and done.

A GALLANT ACT.

WORTHY OF THE V.C.

One of the men, after getting away from his company, met three Germans. He did not know they were Germans until he asked them for a light. He hit one in the jaw with such force that he dropped, a second, who had a rifle, was making for him, when he grabbed at it, but the man fired, and shot the Britisher's finger off. He saw a pike, or pick, and secured it. He ran the man with the gun clean through, and killed the lot off before he had finished. He had to walk ten miles to rejoin his company, and he did not know he had lost a finger until he was on the road.

THE TERRIBLE GURKHAS.

Another man had seen the Gurkhas in action. His section were concealed behind some trees when he saw three Gurkhas rush out of the trenches like wild animals. They threw down their rifles, and took up their knives, dashing madly into the German lines. A perfect hail of bullets met them, but they kept on dodging here and there. With so many bullets whistling round it was a thousand to one against them ever getting to the enemy. Judge of the surprise of everyone when the Indians returned triumphant, each holding a German head on his knife. Their knives were dripping with blood.

Several of the men told of the fearful havoc caused by the German big guns. The huge shells burst near the trenches, tear up the ground, and leave a hole big enough to drop a horse and cart into it. On several occasions their trenches had been covered with huge clods of earth, and the poor soldiers had been buried alive. One or two of the men had had narrow escapes from this horrible death.

A private in a Yorkshire regiment said his captain and himself were the only two left of his company. He was wounded, and the officer was either killed or wounded. The majority of the men were taken prisoners. All the men agree that it is no warfare, but it is sheer murder, and the German hurl themselves in tremendous masses at the Allies guns, the slaughter which follows being horrible.

Marple's Soldiers' Hospital.

During the last few days quite a number of soldiers have left Brabyns Hall Hospital, Marple, after receiving great benefit from their stay and the attention and care they have received. On Monday Privates Smith, Pethers, and Walker set out for their homes in Scotland; Private Mitchell went home to Bradford; and Privates Hawkes, Diplock, Henknight, and Mormish went to London en route for their various places of residence. They were granted 14 days sick furlough. Lance-Corpl. Doherty and Private Hopper have been discharged by the doctor, and are now waiting warrants from headquarters to proceed to their homes. On Wednesday Privates Pannecoche and Wallebroucke, both of the Belgian Army, left the Hall for Folkestone en route for France.

The following new patients, to take the place of those who went away on Monday, came on Tuesday, and their ranks, names, and complaints are:—Private J. Martin, 2nd Leicesters, rheumatism; Private W. Ainley, 1st King's Own Royal Lancasters, rheumatism; Private G. Hills, 2nd Suffolks, rheumatism; Lance-Corporal W. Haggerty, 2nd Leicesters, ague; Sapper W. Goodwin, Royal Engineers, rheumatism; Private W. Wade, 1st Norfolk, rheumatism; Private E. Arnold, 1st Dorsets, deafness; Private G. Browning, 1st Rifle Brigade, deafness.

Miss Fox, the hon. secretary of the Marple Red Cross Society, had a number of men to tea this week; and Mrs. Bevan also entertained a number including the Belgian soldiers. Mr. A. K. Johnson, of Rose Cottages, Marple, has presented a quantity of printed stationery and picture post cards for the use of the men.

The nurses who have been on duty this week are: Matron Sister Podmore and Sister Mastin (night), and Nurses Cresswell, D. Hargreaves, D. Ward, Mrs. Farrar (Marple Bridge), Mrs. Laird (Marple), Miss Scholes (Marple Bridge), and Nonconformist ministers have done night duty.

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Marple Ladies' Gifts to the Troops.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE QUEEN.

87 Pairs of Socks and 28 Belts Sent.

The Marple Branch of the Red Cross Society have forwarded a parcel containing 7 dozen and 3 pairs of socks, and 28 belts, to Her Majesty the Queen's Comforts Section, and the following reply has been received by Miss G. Fox, hon. secretary of the Marple branch of the Red Cross Society, from the Duchess of Devonshire, Her Majesty's Lady-in-Waiting:—

"Devonshire House, Piccadilly.

The Lady-in-Waiting presents her compliments to Miss Fox, and is commanded by the Queen to thank her and the Marple Branch of the Red Cross Society, for so kindly contributing socks and belts to the troops at the front.

"These gifts are most welcome, and will be sent abroad at once for distribution to the soldiers.

November 9th, 1914."

Socks and belts for the Belgian Army are being sent from the Brabyns Hospital this week. The ladies of the Marple Red Cross Society are, therefore, performing a double work, they are nursing soldiers who are from the front, and providing comforts for soldiers at the front. Well done!

More Soldiers at Marple.

HARROWING STORIES OF TRIALS IN THE TRENCHES.

As we report elsewhere, eight of the soldiers who have been staying at Brabyns Hall, left on Monday for a short furlough to their homes, prior to renewing their work on the country's behalf in France and Flanders. Three went to Scotland, four to London, en route for their homes in the south, and one went to Bradford, while two Belgians left for Folkestone, on Wednesday morning, en route for Belgium to join in the fighting again. The man Lanman, who was guilty of insubordination, will not be allowed to proceed to his home in Leeds, but will be dealt with by the military authorities upon the charge brought against him.

The latest batch of soldiers arrived on Tuesday. There are no wounded amongst them, but they are medical cases. Nevertheless, the men are suffering, one or two having been so much affected by the terrific concussion of the shells on the battlefield, that they are very deaf, and one man is stone deaf. There are three cases of deafness, four cases of rheumatism, and one of ague. The men are all reservists, having served with the colours, and being called up. They hail from different parts of the country, and one man is from Sligo in Ireland. There are none but British soldiers at the hall now, and it seems a pity, from the public point of view, that these cases of rheumatism should come to Marple, when Buxton, that celebrated place for the treatment of rheumatism is so near, but probably the explanation is that Buxton is in another division of the area. These rheumatic cases have all been caused through exposure, and through standing in trenches filled with water. One of them, quite a youth, gave his great coat away at the beginning of the war, and rheumatism is the consequence. While another man had had the complaint before. The cases of deafness are caused through the awful noise of the guns, which has been continuously in their ears, and one man cannot hear a word. They will probably be alright in a short time, and nothing will be spared to effect as rapid and satisfactory a cure in their case, as has been seen in the case of the twelve men who have left. There are now 18 soldiers at Brabyns Hall, or four less than there is accommodation for.

The time-table has been slightly varied. Instead of having tea at 4.30, and supper at 8 o'clock, the soldiers prefer to have one meal, and they now have tea at six o'clock. This gives them a longer afternoon, which is more appreciated. They play games, and read, smoke, etc., after tea, until time for retiring.

During the week a bereavement has been suffered at the Hall, the soldiers' pet, "Derry" (Miss Hudson's dog), having died as the result of an accident, or a fight. It has been a sad occurrence, and much felt by them all.

The stories told by these men are thrilling, and somewhat ghastly. For instance, they each can recall having passed either over, or near, an improvised burial ground, where they have seen soldiers' heads and feet protruding through the earth. The German soldiers are buried hurriedly when night comes, and there is evidence next day of the nocturnal doings, when hundreds of mounds are to be seen, and feet, hands, and heads peep out through a thin layer of earth. What will happen in Belgium when the war is over, if this careless way of burying the dead is allowed is too horrible to contemplate.

THE STAFF.

The ladies who have comprised the nursing staff this week are: Sister Podmore, Nurse Hargreaves, Nurse Ward, Nurse Cresswell, Nurse (Mrs.) Farrow, Nurse Scholes, Nurse (Mrs.) Laird, with Nurse Mastin in the nights. From Saturday until Saturday week the staff will be: Sister Podmore, Nurse Ward, Nurse (Mrs.) Scott, Nurse (Mrs.) Hirst, Nurse Cox, Nurse Kershaw, Nurse Potts, and Nurse Mastin in the nights.

THE GUARD.

The gentlemen who have been on night duty as guards (in couples, during the week, are the following, in the order given:—Messrs. J. Pott, E. Waterhouse, T. Rothwell, J. Partington, W. Moss, S. Osbaldeston, S. Livesley, Sergt. Crossley, E. O. Furness, J. W. Jubb, the Rev. E. A. Foster, the Rev. W. H. B. Gibbon, T. Wardle, and E. Howles.

All the soldiers, when leaving, are given a souvenir card of the Hall and grounds.

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MARPLE HOSPITAL FOR WOUNDED.

Twenty-two Beds at Brabyns Hall

MORE MEN ARRIVE.

The twenty beds at Brabyns Hall (Marple) Auxiliary Military Hospital are again all occupied. The first contingent of invalid soldiers have all gone away, and others have come in their places. The following is a list of the invalids and their complaints or wounds:—

Private Melver, 3rd Battalion Gordons, wounded in the flank.

Private F. West, 2nd Coldstream Guards, wounded in the forearm.

Private A. Green, 1st Royal Berks, wounded in shoulder.

Sergeant E. Davies, King's Own Yorks Light Infantry, wounded in hand.

Rifleman G. Browning, 1st Rife Brigade, deafness because of concussion from the guns.

Private E. Arnold, 1st Dorset, deafness.

Private W. Wade, 1st Norfolks, rheumatism.

Sapper W. Goodwin, Royal Engineers, rheumatism.

Lance-Corporal W. Haggerty, 2nd Leinsters, ague.

Private G. Wills, 2nd Suffolks, diarrhoea.

Private J. Martin, 2nd Leicesters, rheumatism.

Private W. Ainley, King's Own Lancashire Regiment, rheumatism.

Come in on November 30th:—

Private T. Brown, 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, defective eyesight.

Trooper E. Phillips, 2nd Life Guards, rheumatism.

Private F. Parkham, 5th Dragoon Guards, rheumatism.

Bombardier C. Perth, Royal Horse Artillery, rheumatic fever.

Private W. Simpson, 1st Gordons, rheumatism.

Private W. Collins, 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex, neurosis of the heart.

Lance-Corporal W. Kesper, King's Own Yorks Light Infantry, debility.

Sapper J. Shield, Royal Engineers, gastritis.

Three men are ready to take their discharge this week-end.

The nurses for the week are: Matron, Sister Podmore; night staff nurse, Sister Mastin; and Nurses Hargreaves, Ward, Binns, Hirst, Cox, and Turner.

The night guard are Messrs. Oldfield, Woolley, Tew, Hallam, Jack, and Lyall.

On Saturday a number of the men went to tea and music at Mr. Laird's house at Hibbert-lane. Some were conducted through Compstall Mill during the morning. On Tuesday Mr. Bevan took a party of the men for a walk on the hills, and others went to tea and music with Nurse Hargreaves in Station-road, Marple. On Wednesday a party of young ladies from Manchester, introduced by Councillor and Mrs. Hirst, played and sang in the evening.

Mr. H. Forth, of Marple, has made a handsome and useful donation to the hospital by sending 12 good, thick overcoats for the use of patients who may arrive without them.

The nurses on duty next week (Saturday to Friday always) are Mrs. Scott, Misses Kay, Sewell, and Buck, Mrs. Hampson, and Mrs. Randall Taylor, all of Marple. Nurses and probationers come on duty at 8.30, after breakfast. They spend a busy morning in the wards, and return home about noon. One or two come back in the afternoons as required by the matron. Last Saturday the Compstall Band played in Brabyns Park for the soldiers. The Marple Band has invited the soldiers to an entertainment next Saturday. Messrs. Shand, Hague, Jack and H. Barlow have been included in the civil guard this week.

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MARPLE HOSPITAL FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

Complete List of Patients.

The following are the patients at the Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital at Marple:—Sergeant E. Davies, 2nd K.O.Y.L.L., wound in hand; Rifleman G. Browning, Rifle Brigade, deafness; Private E. Arnold, 1st Dorset, deafness; Sapper W. Wade, 1st Norfolks, rheumatism; Lance-Corpl. W. Haggerty, 2nd Leinsters, ague; Private H. Hills, 2nd Suffolks, diarrhoea; Private J. Martin, 2nd Leicesters, rheumatism; Private W. Ainley, 1st K.O. Lancasters, rheumatism; Private J. Brown, 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, defective eyesight; Trooper E. Phillips, 2nd Life Guards, rheumatism; Private F. Parkham, 5th Dragoons, rheumatism; Bombardier C. Bell, Royal Horse Artillery, rheumatic fever; Private W. Simpson, 1st Gordons, rheumatism; Private W. Collins, 2nd Royal Sussex, neurotic heart; Lance-Corporal W. Vosper, 2nd K.O.S.L.L., debility; Sapper J. Shedd, R.E., gastritis; Private F. Briant, 2nd Bedfords, bronchitis; Corporal H. Hassall, 1st North Staffords, defective heart; Corporal S. K. Russell, York and Lancaster, wounded shoulder. The three latter arrived on Monday from 2nd Western General Hospital. Privates Green, West, and Melvon left for their homes on the 5th inst.

The nurses who have been on duty this week are: The Matron, Sister Podmore; day nurses, Scott, Kay, Sewell, Buck, Hampson, and Taylor; and night nurses Coster, Hirst, Jack, Farrer, and Scholes. The gentlemen who have done duty as night guards have been Messrs. Rowbotham, Osbaldiston, Diver, Bancroft, Davis, Hague, Hyde, and Radcliffe.

Mrs. McDonald, of The Grange, Marple, had a number of the men to tea at her home on two occasions. On Saturday those fit to attend went to a dance given by the Marple Brass Band, in the Recreation Room. Of course, being patients, an early departure was necessary. A sum of 15s. was collected amongst the company, and this was handed to the sergeant-in-charge. This will be added to the men's special fund. On Monday Mr. Alec Platt's string band entertained the men at the hospital, both instrumental and vocal music being provided. On Tuesday Mr. Dean, of trines, entertained the men to supper at the Bull's Head Hotel. Each and all of these social events were much enjoyed by the men. Miss Hudson has received several nice letters from men who have been discharged, in which they say that when the time comes for return to duty they will go back "with a good heart."

The nurses on duty at Brabyns Military Hospital from 12th to 18th inst. are Nurses Webb, (Miss) Scott, Cresswell, Pott, Jackson, and Lomas, the two latter from Marple Bridge. Sister Coster (M.Br.) and others are dividing the night work. In response to appeals from the Belgian Minister socks and belts are being sent to the Belgian Army from Marple Red Cross Society.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

HOW THE SOLDIERS ARE BEING ENTERTAINED.

More Cures and Fresh Arrivals.

There are now twenty soldiers in the Brabyns Military Hospital, but there are only two wounded men amongst them all, the others being medical cases, mostly rheumatism, through exposure in the trenches. One of the men, Corporal Russell, of the York and Lancasters, who came on Monday last, suffering with a wound in the shoulder, is in the same regiment as Mayor Isherwood, who was over in Marple last week. Mr. J. Bradshaw-Isherwood saw Corporal Russell on Tuesday, and the man said he was delighted to meet the father of so splendid an officer. He was a fine man, and a brave one, and a soldier who inspired confidence in his men. The names and regiments, with the nature of their ailments, are as follow:—

Sergt. E. Davis, 2nd K.O.Y.L.I., wound in hand.
Rifleman G. Browning, Rifle Brigade, deafness.
Pte. E. Arnold, 1st Dorsets, deafness.
Pte. W. Wade, 1st Norfolks, rheumatism.
Spr. W. Godwin, R.E., rheumatism.
Lance-Corporal W. Haggerty, 2nd Leinsters, ague.
Pte. G. Hills, 2nd Suffolks, dierhoea.
Pte. J. Martin, 2nd Leicesters, rheumatism.
Pte. W. Ainley, 1st K.O. Lancasters, rheumatism.
Pte. J. Brown, 2nd btt. Lan. Fusiliers, defective eye-sight.
Trp. E. Phillips, 2nd Life Guards, rheumatism.
Bomb. C. Belt, R.H. Art., rheumatic fever.
Pte. W. Simpson, 1st Gordons, rheumatism.
Pte. W. Collins, 2nd batt. Royal Sussex, neurotic heart.
Lance-Corporal W. Vosper, 2nd K.O.Y.L.I., debility.
Spr. J. Shedd, R.E., gastritis.
Pte. F. Briant, 2nd Bedfords, bronchitis.
Cpl. H. Hassall, 1st batt. North Staffs., defective head.
Cpl. S. K. Russell, York. and Lancaster Regiment, wound in shoulder.

The last-named three arrived on Monday, from 2nd Western General Hospital (Manchester), Ptes. Green, West, and Melvor having left for their homes on the 5th inst.

The nurses who have been on duty this week, are—Matron, Sister Podmore; day nurses: Nurse Scott, Nurse Kay, Nurse Sewell, Nurse Buck, Nurse Hampson, and Nurse Taylor. Night nurses: Nurse Coster, Nurse Hirst, Nurse Jack, Nurse Farrer, Nurse Scholes.

Night guards who have done duty are:—Messrs. Rowbottom, Osbaldeston, Diver, Bancroft, Davies, Hague, Hyde, and Radcliffe.

Mrs. McDonald, of the Grange, Marple, had a number of the men to tea at her house, on two occasions. On Saturday, all able to be present, attended a dance given by the Marple Brass Band, in the Recreation Room. Of course, being patients, an early departure was made. On leaving, a sum of fifteen shillings, collected amongst the company, was handed to the sergeant in charge. This will be added to the men's special fund. On Monday Alick Platt's String Band entertained them, at the hospital, both instrumental and vocal music being provided.

On Tuesday, Mr. Dean (of Strines) entertained the men to supper, at the Bull's Head. The supper consisted of turkey, joint, plum pudding, sweets, and was greatly appreciated. Afterwards a short smocker was held until time for the men to leave—9 o'clock. Mr. J. H. Stott rendered songs, Mr. George Falconer sang, and Mr. Walter Barrett presided at the piano, and cracked jokes.

Each and all these social events were much enjoyed by the men.

Miss Hudson has received several nice letters from men who have been discharged, in which they say that when the time comes for return to duty, they will go back "with a good heart."

NURSES FOR NEXT WEEK.

The nursing staff at the hospital next week, from the 12th to the 18th, will be:—Nurse Creswell, Nurse Scott, Nurse Webb, Nurse Pott, Nurse Jackson, and Nurse Lomas (two latter of Marple Bridge). The night nurse will be Nurse Coster, of Marple Bridge, and other lady nurses come on duty at 8.30 after breakfast, and most of them go off duty at 12.30, or thereabouts. If required by the matron, one or two return for duty in the afternoon and evening.

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The Brabyns Military Hospital.

MORE MEN LEAVE.

SIX BEDS VACANT.

Everything is going splendidly at the Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital, Marple, and there have, up to now, been some splendid recoveries, thanks to the excellent nursing and the good food which the soldiers receive, to say nothing of the many entertainments that are given them in the hall. The present occupants of the hospital are:—

MARRIED MEN.

Rfm. G. Browning, Rifle Brigade, deafness.
Pte. W. Wade, 1st Norfolks, rheumatism.
Trp. E. Phillips, 2nd Life Guards, rheumatism.
Pte. F. Briant, 2nd Bedfords, bronchitis.
Cpl. H. Hassall, 1st N. Staffords, defective heart.

SINGLE MEN.

Sergt. E. Davis, 2nd K.I.Y.L.I., wounded hand.
Pte. G. Hills, 2nd Suffolks, diarrhoea.
Pte. W. Ainley, 1st K.O. Lancasters, rheumatism.
Pte. J. Brown, 2nd Lancashire Fus., defective eye-sight.
Pte. W. Simpson, 1st Gordons, rheumatism.
L.-Cpl. W. Vosper, 2nd K.O.Y.L.I., debility.
Spr. J. Shedd, R.E., gastritis.
Pte. F. Parkham, 5th Dragoons, rheumatism.
Cpl. S. Russell, 1st York and Lancs., wounded shoulder.

L.-Cpl. Haggerty, Bombardier Belt Sapper Godwin, and Privates Arnold Martin, and Collins, left for their homes on Monday.

At the time of writing (Wednesday evening) there were six beds vacant, but more patients to fill them are momentarily expected.

NURSES ON DUTY THIS WEEK.

are:—Matron, Sister Podmore. Day Nurses: Nurse Creswell, Nurse Scott, Nurse Webb, Nurse Pott, Nurse Jackson, Nurse Lomas. Night Nurses: Sister Coster, Nurse Fitzgibbon, and others. Night Guards: Messrs. Tinker and Shaw; Pott and Stott; Somerset and Bevan; Ogden and Bridge; Crossley and Livesey.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., an entertainment was given at the hospital, by members of the Comp-stall Conservative Club. The programme comprised vocal and instrumental items, and it was much enjoyed. On Saturday, the 12th, a party of the men witnessed the football match between Marple and Middleton, on the Marple Club ground. In the evening, Mr. Wrigley, of Ashton-under-Lyne, gave a concert, which was much enjoyed.

As has been stated before, there are a great many voluntary workers at the hospital—Mrs. Bridge (of Church-lane), Mrs. Hancock (Marple Bridge), Mrs. Booth (Dooley-lane), and Mrs. Higginbottom (Chapel-street), each give one or two days weekly in the kitchen. In the wards, the Misses F. and E. Booth, and E. Williams give their services; and in the laundry Mrs. Downes (Market-st.) and Miss Bell (Queen-st.), while the following undertake to wash in their own homes:—Per Mrs. Hallam (St. Martin's School), Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Ridgway, Mrs. Burfoot, Mrs. Hopwood, Mrs. Totterdale, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Coffy, and Mrs. Crowley; and per Miss Richardson (Market-st.): Mrs. J. Ireland, Mrs. J. Andrews, and Mrs. and Miss Wood.

Marple Military Hospital.

At the Brabyns Hall Auxiliary Military Hospital the following are the present occupants:—

Married men: Rifleman G. Browning, Rifle Brigade, deafness; Private W. Wade, 1st Norfolk, rheumatism; Trooper E. Phillips, 2nd Life Guards, rheumatism; Private F. Briant, 2nd Bradfords, bronchitis; and Corporal H. Hassall, 1st West Staffords, defective heart. Single men: Sergeant E. Davis, 2nd K.O.Y.L.L., wounded hand; Private G. Hills, 2nd Suffolks, diarrhoea; Private W. Ainley, 1st K.O. Lancasters, rheumatism; Private J. Brown, 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers, deficient eyesight; Private W. Simpson, 1st Gordons, rheumatism; Lance-Corporal W. Vosper, 2nd K.O.Y.L.L., debility; Sapper J. Shedd, R.E., gastritis; Private F. Parkham, 5th Dragoons, rheumatism; Private S. Russell, 1st York and Lancs., wounded shoulder.

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Brabyns Military Hospital

MORE MEN ON FURLOUGH.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

There were only eleven men in the Brabyns Military Hospital, at Marple, up to Wednesday noon, but more are expected. The men in hospital are:—

MARRIED MEN.

Trooper Phillips, 2nd Life Guards, 5721, rheumatism.

Private Briant, 2nd Bedfords, 7902, bronchitis.

Private Seymour, 2nd East Lancashires, 9165, bullet wound in the hand.

Private Lancaster, 1st Royal Warwicks, 1661, defective eyesight.

SINGLE MEN.

Sergeant Davies, 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 10146, bullet wound in his hand.

Private Hills, 2nd Suffolks, 9131, diarrhoea.

Lance-Corporal Vosper, 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 8773, debility.

Corporal Russell, 2nd York and Lancasters, 9119, bullet wound in his shoulder.

Private Shields, 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, 6234, bullet wound in the thigh.

Driver Campbell, Royal Field Artillery, 33388, rheumatism.

Private Egan, 4th Middlesex, 15986, bullet wound in his finger.

On Friday, the 18th inst., Privates Wade and Simpson; on Saturday, Driver Shedd, Rifleman Browning, and Privates Linley and Brown; on Monday, Corporal Hassall and Private Parkham; left for their homes on sick furlough.

At the time of writing there are nine beds unoccupied at the hospital, which, it is hoped, will be filled before Christmas Day.

On Wednesday, the 16th inst., Mrs. MacDonald again entertained a number of the men to tea at the Grange. On the same evening, Messrs. Ward and Barrett gave a musical entertainment from 7 to 9 p.m. Mr. S. L. Laird, of Glenfruin, Hibbert-lane, Marple, who is so well-known in connection with amateur theatricals in Marple and district, has very kindly undertaken to organise and arrange a succession of entertainments and musical evenings at the hospital. Those wishful of helping should communicate with him, and it may be added that anyone capable of singing, playing, reciting, or even "telling a story," will be doing their fellow countrymen a real good turn by coming and helping to amuse and entertain.

On Christmas Eve the men will be entertained to a substantial supper at Marple Bridge, while on Christmas Day they will have a right good English Christmas dinner, consisting of turkey, plum-pudding, roast beef, etc., and they will be entertained with music, etc., by gentlemen in the district. On Wednesday evening, an excellent concert was given by Mr. A. Fletcher (tenor), Mr. Ernest Pott (bass), Mr. Walter Barratt, Mr. J. H. Stott, and Mr. S. L. Laird (elocutionist), with M. J. P. Tew at the piano.

The nursing staff for the week is Matron Sister Podmore, Day-Nurses Barker, Barlow, Buck, Scholes, Farrow, and McLain. Night-nurse, Sister Fitzgibbon. The night-guards on duty are Messrs. Taylor, Charles, Lucas, Tymm, Parker, Smith, Baird, Lyall, and Baneroff.

FOR THE SOLDIERS' HOSPITAL. In connection with the Marple Smithfield Christmas bazaar a competition was held to guess the weight of a beast sold at the auction. Each person had to pay 6d., the winner to receive 10s., and the surplus to go to the Soldiers' Hospital at Brabyns Hall. The surplus came to £2 1s., and that sum has been handed over to the Marple Red Cross Society.

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Braxton's Hall, Marple



*Christmas presents for Marple men -
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HOW THE SOLDIERS SPENT CHRISTMAS

Entertainments and Gifts.

From the list of names of those washing for the hospital, as given last week, that of Mrs. Jones, of Lochside, was unfortunately omitted. Like the others mentioned, this work she has done voluntarily, and her own boy both fetches and delivers it.

The Matron (Sister Podmore) had a few days holiday at Christmas. Sister Hague (Mrs. Wallace Hague) kindly came daily to the hospital to dress wounds, and direct the work of the Red Cross nurses.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Macdonald, of the Grange, had six of the men to tea and music, and Mr. Tew and friends gave a recital in the evening at the hospital.

On Christmas Eve, all the men then in hospital attended a dinner, given by the Night Guards, at the Midland Inn, Marple Bridge. A good old English dinner was provided, and what remained of the evening was devoted to music and song, to which Messrs. Fletcher, Tew, Barratt, Jos. Higginbottom, Parker Smith, Shaw, and Radcliffe contributed.

On Christmas night, Miss Hudson entertained the men at a "Home Party," assisted by Sister Higginbottom, and Nurses Barker and Farrow. Like most other impromptu gatherings, it was a roaring success.

The men each received numerous Christmas presents. They included—a handsome portrait card, sent direct by their majesties the King and Queen; handkerchief, from Mr. Hepworth, of Marple; chocolate, from Messrs. Cadburys'; cards and cigarettes from Miss Hague, of Bournemouth; and plum puddings, from "Daily News and Leader"; cake from Mrs. Hall; cigarettes from Mrs. Flitcroft; a Cheshire cheese, and fruit, from the matron.

During the afternoon the Marple Band played National European airs outside the hall, and later in the day the choirboys sang carols.

MORE ARRIVALS.

All Medical Cases.

On Sunday, at only a few hours' notice, the eleven men (as named in our last week's issue) were reinforced by nine additional patients, who filled up all vacant beds. These were:

Cpl. G. Richardson, 10th Liverpool Scottish, rheumatism and frost bite.

Pte S. Bell, 3rd Argyll and Sutherland Highs., bronchitis.

Pte W. Cochrane, 3rd Gordons, rheumatism.

Pte B. Brown, 1st Grenadier Guards, frost bitten feet.

Pte J. Kerr, 1st Seaforths, rheumatism.

Pte J. Thomson, 6th Gordons, rheumatism.

Pte W. Baxter, 1st West Yorks, bronchitis.

Pte W. Stevenson, 1st Manchesters, rheumatism.

Pvt. D. Peel, R.F.A., rheumatism.

It speaks well for the "reserves" of this establishment, that this large and quite sudden addition was successfully coped with.

On Monday, Dr. and Mrs. Jackson, of Marple, entertained fourteen of the patients at their home, and an enjoyable time was spent.

On Tuesday, Mr. Laird's Party gave a musical evening, in the mess room, during which there was plenty of "company" singing and laughing.

During the week, the hall, staircase, and mess room have been very nicely decorated, with holly, flags, and evergreens, by a party of the men—a credit to all concerned.

Nurses on duty during the week:—Staff Day Nurse: Sister Hague; Day Nurses: Nurse Barlow, Nurse Barker, Nurse Farrow, Nurse Jack, Nurse Cox, and Nurse McLaine.

Night Guards.—Messrs. Waterhouse, Foster, Gibbons, Radcliffe, Higginbottom, Rothwell, Rowbottom, Pickles, Tew, Bevan, and Hague.

Marple's Military Hospital.

A GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS AT BRABYNS HALL.

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HARROWAY

Brabyn's Hospital.

WORKERS' CONVIVIAL.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

The helpers, both those who have knitted and those who help with the washing, in connection with our Brabyns Military Hospital, were given a supper, and an evening's entertainment, in St. Martin's School, last Tuesday, when about twenty-four ladies were entertained.

The supper consisted of turkey, mince pies, cakes, jellies, and fruit, after which the ladies were invited to contest for prizes provided.

The programme of events was as follow:—

No. 1.—Cutting-out competition: Three prizes were given to ladies who cut out best imitation of a duck; 1st prize won by Mrs. Totterdale (small, silver rosebowl); 2nd, Miss Flowerdew (silk scarf); 3rd, Mrs. Barrow (silver book-mark and paper-knife). The ducks cut out by the ladies were really splendid, especially the three mentioned; while Mrs. Crowley's duck developed into a proud peacock, for which she gained a small prize. This game was the cause of great fun.

The second game was "Laugh but say naught."

Event number three was "Musical Spoons." This game, in which nearly all joined, was very exciting. The game ended in a draw between Mr. Hallam and Mrs. Tomlinson.

Event number four was a country dance, which was speedily learnt, and greatly enjoyed, by the ladies.

The fifth was a competition (three prizes), "Fixing the donkey's tail, blindfolded." For this a special donkey was cut out, designed, and painted, by Miss H. Clarke, B.A., of Owen's University. The 1st prize was claimed by Mrs. Fletcher (hair-brush and comb); the 2nd, Edith Totterdell (Servian bowl); and the 3rd, Mrs. Hall (sailor doll).

The next competition was "Hooping the Kaiser." Three prizes were given ("To arms, to arms, ye brave"). The 1st prize was won by Miss Rowlands (silver cake knife); the 2nd by Miss Tomlinson (green china dog carrying bag of chocolates); and the 3rd by Mrs. Tomlinson (pocket wallet). Miss Rowlands very cleverly threw her two hoops, and was the first to capture the head of the Kaiser in the hoops; Miss Tomlinson came next, with one out of six hoops. The Kaiser was made in England, but his helmet was made in Germany, a novel invention, which pleased the ladies immensely. All took part in this, and threw the hoops with great vigour, so much so that by the time the game ended the Kaiser was minus his moustache, the ladies remarking that they wished it was real.

Event number seven was a bow-tying competition. The prize was gained by Miss Speakman, who tied thirteen bows, with two loops and two ends, each from pieces of string two inches long, in ten minutes. The prize was a small hair-brush and comb.

The evening came to a happy close about ten p.m., with a graceful speech delivered by Miss Speakman, seconded by Mrs. Hall, and suitably responded to. All joined in singing the National Anthems of the Allies.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

FOURTEEN PATIENTS IN RESIDENCE AT MARPLE.

At the time of writing (Wednesday evening) there were fourteen patients in residence. Trooper Phillips, 2nd Life Guards, and Private Egan, 4th Middlesex, left on Tuesday, the 5th, and Private Shields, Royal Irish Rifles, and Private Baxter, 1st West Yorks., left on Wednesday, the 6th. Sergeant Davis, of the K.O.Y.L. Infantry, who has been in the hospital since November 5th, with a bullet hole through the hand, was sent to the 2nd Western General Hospital in Manchester, to be put under the X ray treatment, as the hand had not recovered its normal condition in spite of all the care bestowed upon it. The verdict on the wound by the doctors was, however, that surgical interference was not justified.

Mr. Clements, chief honorary dentist, has attended several of the men during the last few days, and Mr. Vernon has also called to operate.

The nurses for the week are: Matron, Sister Podmore; day nurses, Hargreaves, Jack, Milton, Hepworth, Laird, and Kershaw; night staff nurse, Sister Fitzgibbon; night guards, Messrs. Allen, sen. and junr., Yarwood, Hallam, Smith, Woolley, Wardle, and Jubbs.

During the week parties of men have been entertained by Mrs. Macdonald, of The Grange; Miss Ward, of Ley Hey, and Miss McLaine, of Ley Hey, of Marple; and Mr. Laird again provided entertainers on some of the evenings, and with Mrs. Laird gave a humorous sketch, which was greatly liked.

Up to the 12th of December the total sum which the Marple Red Cross Society had received for the use of Brabyns Hospital was £161 7s. 6d. Purchase of clothing, crockery, drugs, and a certain proportion of the food consumed reduced this sum to £115. The total cost of the food during November was just £60. The Government capitation grant of 2s. per bed per night for the 519 beds occupied during November, it will be seen scarcely defrays the bare cost of the food, leaving rent, rates, taxes, fuel, light, and wages to be met from other sources.

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Marple's Red Cross Work.

A GROUP OF WARRIORS AT BRABYN'S HOSPITAL.



The photo was taken before several of the wounded or invalided soldiers went away. The third man on the back row is Mr. T. M. Bevan. The Red Cross Nurses next him are Nurse McLaine, Nurse Cox, Nurse Barker (formerly of "Beechwood.") First row, seated (in centre), Miss Hudson (owner of the Hall), and Miss G. Fox (hon. secretary of the Marple Red Cross Division. Bottom row: Three helpers. The soldier on Miss Hudson's right is Sergt. Davies, who was one of the first men to come to Brabyns. The eighth man on the second row, standing, is a soldier who has had some thrilling adventures. He was blown out of a trench by a German shell, and his clothing was either burned or torn from off his back. He had to make temporary use of a uniform taken from the body of a dead comrade.

Photo by J. P. Tew, A.R.M.C.M., Marple.

Brabyns Military Hospital

MORE DEPARTURES.

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RED CROSS LECTURES.—Miss G. Fox, the hon. secretary of the Marple Division of the Red Cross, has arranged a series of Home Nursing lectures, which will commence early in February, in the Scout Room, Station-road. The lectures will be given on Wednesday evenings, by Dr. Tierney. By taking the course probationer nurses will be enabled to sit for an examination, and, if successful, will become Red Cross nurses.

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A. ¹Shield (2nd R. Irish Rifles) ²Seymour. (2nd E. Lancs.) ³Mr Bevan. ^{1/4}Nurse McLeain ⁵Nurse Cox.

⁶Nurse Barker. (⁷Egan 4th Middx.) (⁸Bucint. 2nd Beds.) (⁹Hills. 2nd Suffolk)

B. ¹Philips (2nd Life Guards) ²Campbell. (R.F.A.) (³Boxler 1st W. Yorks.) (⁴Herr. Seaforth) (⁵Stevenson 1st Manchester) (⁶Thompson. Gordons.)

(⁷Bror. 1st Grenadier Gds) (⁸Lancaster 1st Warrick) (⁹Russell - 2nd York & Lan)

C. (¹Cochrane. Gordon) (²Peel. R.F.A.) (³Davis. R.O.Y.L.I.) ⁴Miss Hudson - ⁵Red & Sec. Miss Fox

(⁶Kosper. R.O.Y.L.I.) (⁷Bell Argyll & Sutherland) (⁸Richardson Liverpool Scottish)

D. Manly - Harold - Mr Tudd.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

On Thursday last four fresh patients arrived namely, Corporal Lawson, A.S.C. (rheumatism), Private Hamilton, Royal Scottish Fusiliers (bronchitis), Pte. Hawden, 2nd South Lancashires (frost bitten feet), Pte. O'Connor, 5th Black Watch (otorrhea). On Friday morning five patients were discharged to their homes, namely Privates Briant (2nd Bedfords), Cochran (3rd Gordons), Thomson (6th Gordons), Stevenson (1st Manchesters), and Driver Peel (R.F.A.). They will be given suitable furlough before returning to the front.

Later in the same day seven fresh cases were admitted—four of them being "cot" cases. These patients arrived on stretchers in a hospital motor van (attached to the General Western Hospital in Manchester), and in charge of a transport officer and an orderly. These four were: Private Fletcher, 7,174, 1st East Yorkshire (bullet wound in chest), Private Brennan, 3,804, 2nd Connaught Rangers, (bullet wound in chest), Private Stent, 7,237, 1st Royal Berks. (bullet wound in shoulder), Private Smail, 2,262, 1st London Scottish (empyema). Though badly wounded these men are now making good progress—and appreciate the quiet of the Hall after the bustle of a large and busy hospital. Though on crutches, and walking about, another of the new arrivals is in an even worse plight than these cot cases, for in spite of every effort to save it, his leg has had to be amputated below the knee as mortification of the foot had commenced. This is Private Briggs, of a Yorkshire regiment. The other two new patients were Sergt. Prior, 11,903, R.A.M.C., and Private Rugman, 2,177, 1st Gloucesters, rheumatism and frost bitten feet respectively.

On Thursday, Mr. Laird provided another musical evening, which passed off with the usual success. The nursing staff was as last week, and the night guards selected from Mr. M. Bevan's list, who undertook this part of the organisation. Dr. Tierney is going to lecture on home nursing in the Scout headquarters (Station-road, Marple) on six Wednesday evenings, beginning on February 10th. There will be an examination at the end of March to enable Red Cross probationers to qualify as Red Cross nurses. It is desirable for Red Cross probationers to become Red Cross nurses, so that they can help in the nursing at the hospital.

There is probably no organisation in the district which has done so much noble self-sacrificing work since the war commenced as the Marple Red Cross. Ladies have given their services with a cheerfulness and readiness that has been amazing. Down at Brabyns Hall there have been numerous Florence Nightingales. Ladies of social position and culture have worked early and late amongst our war beaten soldiers, and if anybody desired a true example of real democracy it has been afforded in the wards at the Marple Auxiliary Military Hospital. It is certain that the remarkably rapid cures that have been effected at the Hospital have been to a considerable extent due to the cheerful atmosphere that has prevailed, and in which the wounded and invalided soldiers have been enabled to come and live after their nightmare experiences on the wide-flung battle front. This noble work of mercy continues, and will continue with zeal and devotion as long as the need lasts. When this war is over our women will share with our brave men who have gone through the business all the honours that a grateful country can bestow, and those men who have ignored their responsibilities, if they have any shame, will feel the pangs of it when the women's work for the nation is counted up.

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Brabyns Military Hospital

SOME BAD CASES ARRIVE.

On Thursday week four more patients arrived at the Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital, namely—Cpl. Lawson, A.S.C., rheumatic; Pte Hamilton, Royal Scottish Fusiliers, bronchitis; Pte Howden, 2nd South Lancashires, frost bitten feet; Pte O'Connor, 5th Black Watch, diarrhoea.

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During the last few days two of the "cot" cases have been allowed to be up for a few hours—and all are doing well—though the condition of one on Sunday gave anxiety.

ENTERTAINING THE SOLDIERS.—At the Brabyns Hall Military Hospital on Saturday night a high-class concert was given for the benefit of the invalid soldiers by a party which included such famous artists as Mr. Hamilton Harris, who was in splendid voice, and in his inimitable way sang "The Arrow and the Song," by special request; and Mr. Harris and Mr. E. C. Bird contributed a number of humorous duets. Mr. J. P. Stafford, of Hyde, whose son has just gone to the front in France, was a host in himself. He was at his very best, and his humorous sketches kept his audience in a continual roar of merriment. A quartette party consisting of Messrs. J. W. Cottrell and E. Mostyn (tenors), E. S. Bird, and Hamilton Harris, also gave selections, with Mr. Harold Bird as accompanist. Altogether the entertainment was a huge success, and the men greatly enjoyed it.

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FUND FOR SICK AND WOUNDED HORSES. MARPLE SUPPORT.

The above society is caring for wounded horses at the front, and provides hospital accommodation, etc. Miss H. Fox, Springfield, Station-road, is collecting for this fund in Marple, and has received donations to the amount of £11 8s. 1d.

Anyone wishing to help, is asked to send their contribution as soon as possible to Miss H. Fox, by whom it will be forwarded to the society's headquarters.

WAR HORSE HOSPITAL.—Thirty Canadian war horses arrived in Marple on Tuesday evening for a rest cure after their long voyage across the stormy Atlantic. They are being looked after for the War Office under the supervision of Councillor Alfred Pickles, who has a contract with the War Office. He has engaged five men to assist him. All the horses are being stabled at the Jolly Sailor Hotel. Sixteen are in stalls in the large motor garage, and they look warm and comfortable. Mr. Pickles is giving them good clover, though it is dearer than hay. He has to pay for shoeing, and also for veterinary service if the latter be required. We think that as a patriot, a humane man, and a man of business, Mr. Pickles may be trusted to do all that is possible for the welfare of the animals under his charge.

Much interest is being taken locally in the process of acclimatising and conditioning of the 20 or so Canadian horses, which Councillor Alfred Pickles has taken in hand on behalf of the War Office. These hardy animals from the prairies of Canada are stabled at the Jolly Sailor, and each day several local gentlemen, who have more or less knowledge of horses, and their temperament, assist Mr. Pickles in the work of coaxing these sprightly horses, and training them for the work they will soon have to perform on the plains of France and Flanders. The animals are fine specimens of the healthy breed so well-known on the wilds of our dominion, but they are in a state of semi-wildness, and several of the amateur breakers have had all their work cut out in mastering the animals. They are not accustomed to the saddle, and the process of getting them to take kindly to any kind of harness is, as may well be imagined, not any easy one. By the time they have spent their allotted time in Marple, the frequent rides over the local hills, and on the hard roads of the district, will have made the horses ready to face the difficulties at the seat of the war.

THE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

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MORE THAN 8,000 PATIENTS

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It is believed that Manchester (Second General Western) Hospital has admitted more sick and wounded men of the Expeditionary Force than any other hospital in the country. The total admitted now amounts to 8,204, and these have been conveyed from Southampton to Manchester in 59 ambulance trains. This is an average of over 575 per week. In addition, soldiers of the home troops in the neighbourhood of Manchester have been in-patients.

At the beginning of the war there was an impression among Manchester citizens that it was rather unnecessary to establish a military hospital in the city, with 520 beds, so far away from the fighting line. Very few foresaw that Manchester would become a chief centre of life and energy in the care of our sick and wounded soldiers. The original 520 beds established in buildings erected for other purposes than hospitals have expanded within four months to a central hospital of 843 beds, and auxiliary, civil, and private hospitals, 115 in number, providing 3,383 beds, and making a grand total of 4,226 beds available for military patients.

The original trained nucleus of three officers and 43 rank and file was increased on mobilisation by 66 men and on recent expansion by 68 more. Many of these men have served in the Regular and Territorial Royal Army Medical Corps, and others were clerks in civil life. The clerical work at the hospital requires a staff of 15 men.

The Hospital Trains.

Each hospital train brings 100 to 250 soldiers in a little over seven hours' running from Southampton. The train is made up of wards fitted up with 20 cots in two tiers running the length of the train on either side, and coaches with compartments at either end for sitting-up cases. The train is in charge of an officer of the R.A.M.C., with two nursing sisters and ten non-commissioned officers and men, who attend to dressings and emergencies en route. There is a small operating theatre, close to which is a dispensary and an office where the list of men carried is made out, as well as a kitchen where meals are cooked for the journey, and a saloon for the staff to live in.

The greatest pressure was experienced at the hospital on October 31 and November 1, when a sudden expansion was called for at a time when all but 150 beds were occupied. In the middle of the night a telephone call from Southampton revealed the fact that there were 7,000 wounded at Southampton without sufficient beds to receive them. In less than three hours 628 beds were promised in civil and private hospitals, and the remainder were provided a few hours later by taking over a new school building and the help of the contractors who had equipped the hospital at the commencement. With six trains arriving during two successive nights, no fewer than 823 sick and wounded were admitted in 26 hours, and there were 80 empty beds to spare.

This could not have been accomplished without the assistance of the British Red Cross Society and their splendidly organised fleet of motor-transporters consisting of 36 ambulances and 170 motor-cars—in addition to ten, ambulances generously offered and efficiently handled by the Manchester police, who have turned out at all hours for a train call.

Low Proportion of Deaths.

The nature of the cases has altered somewhat. At first all but 5 per cent were wounded and many severely, but, since the wintry weather began, about 33 per cent of sick have been included in each party of arrivals. Several hundred men with frost-bitten feet have been received, as many as 300 arriving in three train loads. Very few deaths have occurred. The total amounts to 45, and 11 of these have been due to tetanus. Again, of these seven were Belgian soldiers who had not received the injection of antitetanic serum that British soldiers receive immediately after being wounded. Of the 8,204 patients, there were 1,272 Belgian officers and men and 33 German wounded prisoners. The hospital has received very many gifts from all classes and societies, and the smooth working of the institution is in a large measure due to the unflinching readiness of the community to do all in their power to the soldiers back to health.

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Red Cross Whist Drive and Dance.

A select whist drive and dance, organised and carried out entirely by Mr. A. Platt's orchestra, was held on Saturday, in the Girls' Institute, for the benefit of local Red Cross Funds. There was a record attendance of about 280 present, who thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. The room had been very tastefully decorated by the wives of the members of the orchestra, with bunting, flags, etc., and the stage was very nicely decorated with plants, kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Makin, "The Hollins." Dancing commenced at 6-30, and kept on till 11-45. The above orchestra all gave their services free, and played a most up-to-date programme of dance music in their usual manner. Mr. W. Hulse proved an efficient M.C., dealing with the large number of dances in an admirable manner. During the evening Mr. H. Freeman, M.N.A.T.D. (and Teacher of Dancing), Manchester, along with his daughter, aged ten, gave an exhibition of several London dances, including the famous "Glen Moria" dance, which won the first prize at London Academy Dancing, last year. The dances were very greatly appreciated by all present, especially the little girls' dancing being perfect. About 9-30 a party of Belgians who had attended, on the invitation of the orchestra, came upon the stage, and sang two verses of the Belgian National Anthem, accompanied by the orchestra, which was also greatly appreciated. Mr. Percy Brittain kept everyone in a very happy mood with his fine rendering of his new war song, "The army of to-day's alright," and had to respond to encores three times. Mr. J. C. Wardle played the difficult bugle calls in the song in a very neat and capable manner. Whist winners: 1st ladies, Mrs. Greenwood, tea cosy, given by Miss Brittain; 2nd, Miss Barber, pair mats, given by Miss Pickles; booby, Miss Boulton, jam dish, given by Mr. Brittain. First gents, Mr. A. Burgess, half-dozen collars, given by Mr. E. Howles; 2nd, Private Briggs (Brabyns Hall), silk muffler, given by Mr. J. T. Pott; booby, Mr. W. Sigley, sovereign purse, given by Mr. P. Brittain. The M.C. for whist was Mr. Percy Brittain. Mr. S. L. Laird presented the whist prizes. The second prize was given to one of the wounded soldiers from Brabyns Hall. The orchestra beg to thank all who have helped them in any way to make it such a success. It is expected a sum of £10 will be handed over to the British Red Cross Funds.

Private Briggs is one of the wounded soldiers from Brabyns Hall. All the wounded soldiers from the Hall were present, also the Belgians from the Cathedral Homes, Mellor, and from The Hollies, Marple, at the invitation of the orchestra.

What Our Readers Think.

THE BRABYNS HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of "North Cheshire Herald."

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to draw your attention to a very regrettable omission from the list of Marple Doctors attending the soldier patients at above hospital. The omission is more noticeable because the doctor in question was, and has been, so willing to offer his services gratis to war patients and dependants since the commencement of the war, and, further, has assisted in ordinary emergency cases when the patients' regular doctor was not available at the time. Again, the soldiers from Brabyns have been invited and partaken of his hospitality at dinner at the same table, everything of the best, and followed by a homely chat, smoke, and sociability, just the one only a gentleman could manage without making our soldiers feel uncomfortable by the fussy methods some people adopt. I know the gentleman in question will not like this complaint, should it meet his eye, but knowing, as I did, what he and his lady have gone through for distress caused by the war, one would naturally expect a little recognition by inviting him on the list of doctors attending the hospital. Besides being a gentleman—who are born, and not made, a failing in a many Marple friends which make me smile,—he is an educated and clever doctor, and a B.A., so I think fully qualified to take his place alongside his professional friends in this small village, and though not dependent on his profession, must have a sense of the meaning of justice. Of course, the doctors are not blamed in this matter, they having a code of honour amongst themselves. It is a pity that we have so many pettifogging cliques in Marple, which retard well meaning people from being of service to the community, but as I have said, gentlemen are born, and not made.

OBSERVER.

P.S.—By the way, I hope the hospital is not being converted into "an abode of love," and, personally, I don't believe it, and I hope the guards are on the look-out with their flashlights, and will remember Kitchener's advice to the troops. They must keep "eyes right," and steady arms, also make use of wire netting to stem the black Marias.

A MOTHER'S OBJECTION.

Dear Sir,—As a mother, I think "Observer" is quite right in giving a timely hint to the guards at the hospital. If it is true that girls have made their way to the grounds near the hospital, then I say the guards are very much to blame, or are short of system, as, in my opinion, their duty is more to patrol the grounds than remain in the hospital, even from the point of a German menace. Could not they take turns of, say, an hour each, at the spots where the danger may lurk, walking sentry, as it were, and provided with sticks—they need not carry firearms, but could carry lanterns like the police. The question arises, are the guards suitable, or are they men afraid to dirty their boots, or catch cold. I know they cannot be everywhere, but, judging from the lists, they are men used to warmth and comfort. If these guards are not doing their duty, it would be more in the interests of the public if they subscribed a sum of money to pay men who can stand the cold, such as retired policemen, who are used to this sort of work. There is no question but that these guards will be held responsible for any mischief that may be done. We do not want any Mr. McKennas in our district. Hoping you will put this in your paper.

A MOTHER.

The Insult to Brabyn's Military Hospital.

To the Editor of the "N.C.H."

Sir,—I feel I cannot but express surprise and disgust at your allowing such a passage as was contained in the postscript to the letter signed "Observer," to appear in your excellent paper, last week.

To say the least of it, the paragraph is not only a disgraceful and absolutely unwarranted insult to our wounded soldiers, but is an abominable slur on those who are responsible for the running of the hospital.

Of course, as your correspondent does not disclose his identity, it is hard to know what he is doing for his country's welfare; but I should think he might employ his time in some better way than by slandering those who are doing their duty.—I am, yours truly,

Corporal S. KNOWLES-RUSSELL,
2nd York and Lancaster Regiment.

Brabyns Hospital.

(Our opinion with respect to "Observer's" letter will be found in our Marple News column. We certainly think, with Corporal Russell, that if any civilian has ground for complaint on the conduct of the soldiers, or those in charge of the hospital, the better course would be to approach some responsible person, or, if he preferred to write to the press, to sign his name for publication, and not take the cowardly advantage of stabbing in the back, behind a nom-de-plume. We understand, of course, that there are legitimate complaints which can only be remedied through an unsigned letter; but too much advantage is taken in this respect. Personally we are very proud,—and rightly so,—of our guests, and the many patriotic ladies and gentlemen who are caring for them.—Ed.)

"OBSERVER'S" SCURRILOUS LETTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last edition there was an epistle regarding "Brabyn's Hospital"—an ancestral home which has been placed at the service of the Government by a lady whose name in Marple is synonymous with patriotism, kindness, dignity, and decorum. This hall is now being occupied by those convalescent men who have been broken in battle. The sisters and nurses there are local ladies of high character and reputation, taking their share to ameliorate the condition of our heroes. In face of this a person employing the nom-de-plume of "Observer," makes aspersions of a truly scurrilous nature. They do not bear repetition, and have caused a deal of indignation locally. I, as one of some 70 "guards," lodge my protest. What I have seen and heard in that Hall makes me consider it an honour to be enrolled on the list. His first remarks are non-controversial, ungrammatical, and no doubt annoying to the gentleman referred to. It is the postscript that concerns Marple good folks. He commences it by saying "By the way," as if the remarks following were mere minor incidents compared with his foregoing observations. Then continues by saying he "doesn't believe" the vile insinuations, and rushes into print. If this was his conviction, why didn't he verbally interview the management, and help to obtain suppression of this vitriolic gossip.

I can assure "Observer" that the soldiers quite understand, and endeavour to fulfil Lord Kitchener's advice, and if "Observer" would reveal his identity, they would take pleasure in giving him a good "impression" of their "steady arms," aye, and feet too.

W. BARRATT.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

PRESENTATION TO NIGHT NURSE.

On Thursday last Mr. Parkes gave a concert in the evening. No men have been discharged during the week, and no new patients have arrived.

Sister Fitzgibbon, who has given her skilled services as night sister for the last two months, left the hospital on Sunday last, to the regret of all the inmates. She has been very popular with all the patients, and was entertained at a farewell concert, on Saturday night, which Mr. Laird and his friends provided. Sister Martin, who has previously done voluntary duty as night sister, has replaced Sister Fitzgibbon, and it is hoped to have her services for a long and indefinite period.

Nurses for the week are Matron, Sister Podmore, Night-staff Nurse, Sister Mastin. Day Nurses Barker, Farrow, Buck, Laird, Ward, and Hepworth.

COST OF FOOD FOR PATIENTS.

Now that the hospital has been open for three months, the average cost of the food provided for the patients can be determined. During this period of 92 days, £163 has been expended on food alone. If this number of days, namely 92, is multiplied by 16.74, the average number of men accommodated on each of those days, the result is 1,540, and represents the total number of days fare provided. Dividing £163 by 1,540, gives nearly 2s. 1½d. for each daily fare. But the £163 includes cost of food for

the nursing staff also; both resident and daily. Allowing for this, the £163 has to be divided by 1,908, which gives 1s. 8½d.

The matter stands, therefore, thus, to feed each patient, and his share of a nurse, has cost 2s. 1½d.; to feed the patient alone has cost 1s. 8½d. From this it will be seen that the Government grant of 2s. is sufficient to pay for the patients' food—but not for that of his nursing attendance.

It must not be supposed, however, that either of these figures represents anything like the true measure of expense. Wages paid for expert nursing, cooking, washing, attendances, and cleaning, the cost of fuel, gas, water, and oil, surgical, medical, and general stores, are to be added. When returns for a longer period are available, it will be possible to approximate these, and, perhaps, to publish the results. In the case of Brabyns, the investigation is obviously complicated by the fact that the hospital is combined with a private house, in both of which conditions constantly vary.

During the period under review, the hospital has claimed from the Government £154. The difference between £163 and 154 has been paid by the Marple Red Cross Society out of their funds, and that body also defrays the cost of the expert nursing, medical and surgical and other general stores and sundries, which, together, amounts to many times this difference of £9 in the food bill.

The total out-of-pocket expenses have, and are, being greatly reduced by the constant kind gifts of food, etc.

BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

To Correspondents.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.—You ought to have gathered from our foot note to Corporal Russell's letter, last week, that we discountenanced letters of the scurrilous type of that written by "Observer." We consider yours of this week equally objectionable to people who are trying to do their duty under difficulties, which are not lightened, especially by unsigned effusions such as yours. While we would welcome fair criticism, even respecting this kind of patriotic work, and we know Miss Hudson and the officials at the hospital would certainly not object to honest and sincere criticism, we cannot allow our columns to be utilised for insidious and ungentlemanly attacks, without any justification. Our correspondents would do a greater service for their country and Marple if they looked for the heroic sacrifice which is being made by all classes, in this great crisis of our history, rather than by grovelling in the gutter for garbage—you can always find evil if you wish.—Ed.

It is not very pleasant to be constantly reminded that there are still carping critics in the district, who like to rush into print on some matter affecting the work of the charitable during the war. The latest outburst has been levelled against the conduct and administration at the Brabyn's Auxiliary Military Hospital, and was contained in a letter to the press recently. After making a mean attack on those who have undertaken the noble duty of maintaining the hospital, and attending to our wounded heroes, writers proceed to indulge in a diatribe on the soldiers themselves. Nothing could be more reprehensible than for a civilian to throw innuendoes of a character such as that at the men who have been doing our work out in France and Belgium. Did the writer pause to think of the hurt the cheap jibe, "Abode of Love," would cause those who are sacrificing so much to alleviate suffering, and repair the wounds of our soldiers, at Brabyns? If men would occupy their time in a way more worthy the name of Briton than hurling insults at our fighting men, our "Tommies" would have a better opinion of their countrymen than such letters create in their minds.

An attack was made on someone because the dyspeptic person had—he had not taken the trouble to verify his rash assumption—somehow got an idea that several doctors in Marple and district had been debarred from serving at the hospital. The only answer necessary in this case is to point out that not a single doctor was asked to give his services. Three local doctors OFFERED their services at the commencement, so if the writer of the letter is anxious to know why all the doctors are not now serving, that is his answer.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

AN X-RAYS SUCCESS.

The current week has been a quiet one with us, since Saturday there being only ten patients, three having been discharged on furlough that day. Of these one was a good pianist, and so is doubly missed. Their names are—Pte Jones, Pte Hagger, and Pte Seymour.

The four cot cases who were sent in a motor ambulance, on 10th January, are all making satisfactory progress, though one, Pte Stent, is still altogether confined to bed. He arrived with a piece of shrapnel in his chest, which the X-Ray had failed to locate, and which naturally retarded his recovery. However, a few days ago, it was successfully extracted, greatly to the relief of the sufferer. Letters of thanks are constantly being received from former patients, in which they frequently say, that if wounded again, they hope to be sent back to Brabyns for another period of happy convalescence. Five have written saying they are back at the front, and doubtless more have returned there by this time.

The nurses for this week are Matron, Sister Podmore; Sister Mastin, who kindly takes night duty, and Sister Hague. The Red Cross nurses are—Nurses Barker (living in), Ward, Jack, Lomas, and Jackson; the two last-named are from Marple Bridge. The night watchmen for the last seven nights were Messrs. Wardle, Williamson, Haines, Batho, Gibbon, Hyde, Stott, Falconer, Osbaldeston, Turner, Wilson, Waterhouse, McQuone, and Beighton. As time goes on, the services of these voluntary helpers are more and more appreciated; they are a help to the night-sister. Their duties begin at the soldiers' bed-time, and end when the household is again astir.

Messrs. Laird, J. Wood, and Royle, with friends, each filled up an evening with music and singing in the Men's Room. Many thanks are due to them, and to all who arrange these evenings at home during the winter months.

Parcels of thick flannel shirts, mufflers, belts, and mittens have been despatched from Brabyns this week, to the Belgian Army and mine sweepers. Further contributions of the above are desired for our troops abroad, and may be sent to the hospital.

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CONVALESCENT WARRIORS AND THEIR NURSES.



1. Hagger 2. Vha 3. Briggs 4. Jones 5. Sharpley 6. "Mr" Briggs
 3rd R. Brigade 2nd Essex
 Nagel Seymour Russell Willets
 2nd Lanc. 2nd Grenadier

ANOTHER MARPLE GROUP.

Another group of convalescent soldiers and nurses at the Marple Auxiliary Military Hospital (Brabyns Hall). The sixth man from the left is Corporal Russell, who was shot in the shoulder by a Dum Dum (explosive) bullet. The soldier next him is Corporal Sharpley. The names of the Nurses (left to right) are: Nurse Kaye, Nurse (Mrs.) Farrar, Nurse Ward, Nurse Pott, Miss Hudson, Sister Podmore, Nurse Sewell, Nurse Tattersall. Photo by J. P. Tew, A.R.M.C.M., Marple.

Marple Red Cross Nurses.

THE HERALD, MARCH 6th, 1915.



LOYAL LADIES WHO ARE CARING FOR OUR WAR-WORN HEROES.

These ladies have been carrying out that noble duty of repairing our wounded fighters at the Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital, Marple, and their work has been singularly successful, as not a single case has either proved fatal or given cause for grave anxiety. Miss Hudson (in the centre of the group), at the outbreak of hostilities, came along, and with characteristic loyalty, placed her beautiful home at the disposal of the Military authorities, with the result that Brabyns was the

first auxiliary hospital opened in this part of the country.

The names are (left to right): In the Porch : Messrs. S. L. Laird (organiser of entertainments), and T. M. Bevan (leader of the guard).

Back row : Nurses Binns, Sewell, Milton, Laird, Hargreaves, Kaye, Buck, Tattersall.

Second row (from back) : Nurses (Mrs.) Farrer. (Mrs.) Lomas, Barker, Miss Fox (hon. sec. Red Cross Society), Miss Hudson, Mrs. Col. Wain-

wright (hon. treasurer of the Hospital), Dr. Burton (medical officer), Nurse Scholes, Nurse Phillips.

Third row : Nurses Jack, (Mrs.) Jackson, (Mrs.) Taylor, (Mrs.) Hampson, Sister Podmore (Matron), Sister Hague, (Mrs.) Standing, Pott, Cresswell, Cox, (Mrs.) Hirst.

Bottom row : Nurses Ward, Vernon, Mr. Harold Boyle, Nurses Hepworth and Turner.

Photo by J. P. Tew, A.R.M.C.M., Marple.

Marple Military Hospital.

GENEROUS GIFTS.

The number of patients has neither increased nor diminished since last week, there being ten, one of whom, Stent, is still confined to bed. The nurses for the week were Sister Podmore (matron), Red Cross Nurses Ward, Barker, Jack, Hampson, McLaine, and Vernon, and night nurse Sister Mastin. Messrs. Tew, Jubb, Rowbottom, Sims, Allen Smith, and Hallam were the nightguards. Owing to illness and the absence of one of the cooks for a week, Nurses Laird, Buck, and Milton took days in the kitchen.

Some of the many gifts received at the hospital during the past month were a haunch of venison, an enormous turkey, sixteen couples of rabbits, cakes, fruit, and oxo. Strines sent pyjamas, shirts, and socks, and several people sent mufflers and mittens.

One evening the soldiers arranged a whist drive at home, which was very successful. Mr. Falconer and Mr. and Mrs. Laird provided them with other entertainments on several evenings.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

One patient, Corporal Willets, has been discharged on furlough at his home; the remaining nine, including the cot case, are making good progress. On Saturday the men well enough were invited, and went to a concert at Compstall, and one or two dinner and tea invitations were accepted during the week. In addition, there were two home entertainments. Messrs. Bevan, Budge, Bridge, Kent, Moss, Pott, and Woolley, were the night guards, their log-book records showing no more serious disturbance than the hooting of the owls. The week's nurses on day duty were Nurse Podmore (matron), Red Cross Nurses Barker, Binns, Farrow, Scholes, Turner, and Clymer. Nurse Yarwood, alternately with Red Cross Nurses Jack, Ward, Hargreaves, and Hepworth, were on duty at night. Voluntary help is given on fixed days in the kitchen by Mrs. Bridge, Mrs. Booth (Dooley-lane), Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Hancock, who have, in some cases, given their services from the beginning. Weekly contributions of beef for making tea since the hospital was started have been made by Mr. Arnall (Church-lane), and Mr. Sharples (Market-street). Mrs. Woodhouse (Stockport-road) sends bread, and other people send weekly, meat, milk, fruit, and cake.

RED CROSS CITIES.

Very striking is the individuality of the Allies' three nearest hospital cities. Boulogne, where the English wounded make their first halt, is brisk, efficient, and administrative, its wharves busy, its streets astir with the gallant youth of England, khaki-clad. Calais, where behind the high walls of schools or homes lent to the Belgian Government the Belgian wounded and sick receive the most expert attention, has the air of waiting for orders. Belgian soldiers throng the narrow footpaths and write their letters in the smoky cafés, but the children of Calais carry on their noisy games undisturbed in their sense of possession by these sojourners of a day, for whom Calais is only a rest station.

Dunkirk as a hospital city is reserved mainly for French soldiers, and it is for the sake of France that the Duchess of Sutherland and many other British women have turned various pleasure houses and villas into well-equipped hospitals along the sea-front at Malo, overlooking the long stretch of chill sand, the sullen sea, and the endless patrol of watch-dog ships. One feels very near the front at Dunkirk; the hotels are filled with high officers in close touch with the firing line, and at dinner one sits opposite mud-spattered men who probably left the trenches after lunch. But it is mainly of war in one aspect that the city thinks.

"Why have you come here?" asks the station inspector scanning your passport.

"To visit the hospitals? *Bien.*" "Red Cross, I suppose?" says the clerk at the hotel. "Madame has a wounded friend in the hospital?" murmurs the chamber-maid sympathetically. "Excuse me, but I think you are not attached to any branch of the Red Cross," says an English official, who has been consulted. "Then I am afraid—" "You wish a *permis de séjour*?" says the Police Bureau. "You are not Red Cross? Of course you can't stay." Later on he relents a very little, but it is clear that Dunkirk is solely a Red Cross City and no outsiders are wanted.

French soldiers, it is true, crowd the streets, men in dingy blue and fading crimson, but they are here on necessary suffering. Dunkirk provides no rest or entertainment for them; she discourages them from lingering in her cafés, and the Red Cross cars, the real rulers of the city, chivvy them remorselessly about the streets. The Red Cross flag, often a little battered, floats everywhere; Red Cross workers in every variety deck the city in khaki: the young men of the Friends' ambulance, who have their own hospital on the beach; Salvationists, with their half-dozen ambulances coming to join the convoy; members of the Allies' hospital base, of the Royal Army Medical Corps; society dames with large red crosses blazoned on their khaki uniforms; smart girl drivers, keen and ready for the never-arriving permit to drive their own cars to the front; men of wealth who have provided the Red Cross with magnificent cars; professional chauffeurs; nurses with dark coats over their linen dresses, Red Cross girls in navy blue serviceable uniforms; here a doctor famous for his daring work done under fire, and there a Harley Street specialist who is doing great things in a private hospital—these occupy Dunkirk.

And everywhere are the motors, dashing

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And everywhere are the motors, dashing madly about the streets, tearing up and down between Dunkirk and the front, till the single road looks like an ambulance Derby Day. The toot of their horns is the dominant sound in the city streets, and they break the stillness of midnight as they race back from the hospital trains at the station to the hospitals waiting with brilliantly lighted theatres and wards ready for instant action. Dunkirk saw terrible sights at midnight in the earlier weeks of the war, when a thousand men would be unloaded at the stations, the hopelessly shattered victims of the German guns. Things have cleared now; the close work of the trenches is more merciful, and in the later lull half the men brought in have been suffering from frost-bite, not from wounds.

The French military hospitals have rigorous rules, and it is very difficult to get admission to their wards, but one may more easily see the British voluntary hospitals, where better work and more urgently needed work than England dreams of is being done by our surgeons and trained nurses. If the wives and mothers of the men could see what we have seen of the wounded they would be a little comforted. It is true they come from scenes of nerve-shattering horror, that too many of them will go out halt and maimed; but the fact remains that the most profound impression received by one who looks on is of brave acquiescence and of an almost incredible quietude. At the big goods shed on Calais station, where the wounded disembarked from the trains have their wounds dressed or slight surgical operations performed before they are distributed to the various hospitals; at the main station in Boulogne, where the hospital trains are unloaded with a sureness, a rapidity, and a silence that are almost uncanny; and in these wards filled with wounded at Dunkirk the same impression is produced of a brave submission on the part of the patient, a tenderness and skill on the part of his doctors and nurses that reduce his suffering and misery to the least possible degree, providing at once an anodyne and stimulant. Away from the wards one remembers the harshness of individual cases—the man with heavily bandaged face whose nurses dread the day when he will ask for a mirror; the taxi-driver from Paris who raises the bandaged stump of his right arm and asks what chance there is in life for him; the boy who lies biting his lips to keep back a cry of pain; the men who must limp their way home,—and one thinks surely the impression of calm and cheerfulness was false. But it was—temporarily if you will—truer than words are strong enough to say.

EVELYN ISITT.

R E D C R O S S

Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital

Treasurer's Receipts and Payments from 12th Sep

R E C E I P T S.

Subscriptions and Donations	148	17	3	Car for
Proceeds of Concert Mr. Sugden	20	0	0	Substit
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J. PARKER S

Marple, 3rd March
24th February 1915.

C R O S S.
Military Hospital.

from 12th September 1914 to 20th February 1915.

P A Y M E N T S.

Car for patient to Manchester	1	0	0
Substitute for District Nurse (acting as Matron)	6	0	0
Rationing Hospital	178	11	7
Materials for clothing	19	16	9½
Payments for making clothing		18	0
Remitted to Belgian Fund see contra	3	0	0
Drugs, Dressings & Surgical materials	16	12	2
Stationery, Stamps &c	3	9	3½
Furnishings, Crockery &c	14	14	2½
Sundry payments, advertising &c		8	11
Balance in Manchester & Liverpool District Bank	110	10	11
	£ 355	1	10½

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J. PARKER SMITH A.C.A.

Brabyn's Military Hospital. **ANOTHER SOLDIER UNDER THE X-RAY.**

On Thursday last Private J. Briggs, of the 3rd Rifle Brigade, was sent back to the 2nd Western General Hospital (Whitworth-street, Manchester), in order that his arm could be X-rayed. This man received his wound in action, a bullet fracturing, and partially shattering, the bone of the right forearm. He has endured his suffering manfully, and the terrible pain resulting from this injury, which was received as far back as September last. Not satisfied with the state of the wound, the doctor attending this case at Brabyns thought it advisable that the surgeon who had original charge of the case should see it. This patient is still in Manchester, and has been again operated upon by Major Rey, of the R.A.M.C. Briggs has written to Miss Hudson, and has said that he hopes to be sent home to her when he is fit for discharge from Manchester. This is not the first patient who has used this phrase after having left Brabyns. Could any better one be desired?

On the evening of that day Mr. Walker and party gave a concert, in the men's mess room. On Monday Mr. Laird and friends again entertained the men "at home."

We learn that Corporal Sharpley, who is recovering, at Brabyns, from three wounds received in action, has heard from friends that he has got another stripe, and that when he rejoins it will be as full sergeant. We congratulate this young non-com. on his rapid promotion, and may he have better luck next time round in the field.

Nursing staff for the week: Matron Sister Podmore; night-staff nurse, Sister Mastin; day nurses, Nurses Binns, Farrow, Jackson, Pott, Scott, and Tattersall; night guards, Messrs. Bancroft, Lyall, Ardern, Charles, Fawcett, Hague, Pickles, Warde, and Hyde.

Amongst those who have effectively helped in the running of this auxiliary hospital are those who have regularly attended to shave and cut hair. These have, so far, been Messrs. Hyde, Ardern, and Kidd, of Marple and Marple Bridge. The last-named has disposed of his business to Mr. King, who has kindly offered his services.

The four "cot" cases (Smail, Brennen, Fletcher, and Stent) are now up and about; but are necessarily weak after their many weeks in bed. Two of them have been out for short walks, but the others are still confined to the house. It would be a kindness if local owners of motor cars would, on fine days, take these invalids for a drive occasionally.

HERALD, MARCH 20th, 1915.

BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

On Thursday last, Mr. Wood's Concert Party came and entertained the men during the evening. On Saturday evening, on the invitation of the committee, a few of the patients attended the musical recital given at the Congregational Hall, Marple Bridge, in aid of the Local Relief Fund.

Private G. Briggs, of the 1st East Yorks, whose right foot was amputated in hospital, some time ago, left for the 2nd Western General Hospital for final discharge from the service. He will, of course, receive a life pension, and be supplied with an artificial limb. With the improvements made of late in these mechanical substitutes there is little to prevent this man from being active and useful.

Rifleman W. Briggs, 3rd Rifle Brigade, who was recently sent to Manchester for examination under X-rays, has not yet returned to Brabyns. His wound was opened on Monday last, and more splinters of bone removed. He has had a great deal of most severe pain, and has stood it like a brave man.

Nurse Staff.—Matron, Sister Podmore; Day Nurses Jack, Scott, Sewell, Kershaw, and McLaine; Night Nurse, Sister Yarwood. Members of the night guard attend as usual.

British Red Cross Society. **CHESHIRE BRANCH—STOCKPORT** **DIVISION, TOWNSHIP OF MARPLE.**

The following ladies form the committee:—Mrs. Barlow, township leader (chairwoman), Miss Hudson, Mrs. Mills (Stockport), Mrs. Wainwright, Mrs. Webb (resigned), Mrs. Standring, Miss Johnson, Miss Sherwin, Mrs. Middleton Hill, Mrs. Drury (Strines), Mrs. Clements, Miss Cresswell, Miss Barlow, and Miss Fox (hon. sec.). Colonel Wainwright is hon. treasurer for the township.

The object of this society is to supplement the work of the War Office in providing hospitals, and all equipment, for the relief of the wounded, in time of war. For several years the Marple Branch has held meetings, sent money to London, and arranged classes in home nursing and first aid. When war was declared the equipment and working of a hospital followed. For this purpose Miss Hudson placed at the disposal of the Red Cross Society, her house, grounds, and staff, and, at her own personal cost, largely maintains the same. Excepting the very large cost for establishment charges, as aforesaid, and excepting also numerous weekly or periodical gifts, the accounts herewith show the receipts and payments of the Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital.

The committee is very grateful for the subscriptions and donations received for this fund, amounting, as below stated, to £148 17s. 3d.

Altogether, quite three hundred people in Marple have helped this society in some way since the war began—by gifts of money, food, or equipment; by loans of hospital necessities; by sewing and knitting, for home and abroad; or by giving their personal services in every branch of work connected with the running of a military hospital.

The accompanying accounts are submitted by Mrs. Wainwright, and audited by Mr. Parker Smith (hon. treasurer and hon. auditor respectively of the hospital).

A list of subscribers may be seen in St. Martin's Library during Red Cross office hours.

Receipts.—Subscriptions and donations £148 17s. 3d.; proceeds of concert, Mr. Sugden £20; proceeds of whist drive, Mr. A. Platt £10; admissions to view hospital £16 1s. 4d.; collected for Belgian Fund (see contra.) £3; collected at football match £1 1s. 10d.; bank interest 5s. 3d.; Government grants, three months, to January 31st, 1915 £155 16s. 0d.; total £355 1s. 10d.

Payments.—Car for patient to Manchester £1; substitute for District Nurse (acting as matron) £6; rationing hospital £178 11s. 7d.; materials for clothing £19 15s. 9d.; payments for making clothing 18s. 0d.; remitted to Belgian Fund (see contra.) £3; drugs, dressings, and surgical materials £16 12s. 2d.; stationery, stamps, etc., £3 9s. 3d.; furnishings, crockery, etc., £14 14s. 2d.; sundry payments, advertising, etc., 8s. 11d.; balance in Manchester and Liverpool District Bank £110 10s. 11d.; total £355 1s. 10d.—Audited and found correct, J. Parker Smith, A.C.A., Marple, 3rd March, 1915.

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Brabyn's Military Hospital.

N.C.H. MORE ARRIVALS. *March 27-1915.*

On Thursday last ten fresh patients arrived at the Brabyns Military Hospital, Marple, from the 2nd Western General (High-street Branch). Their names are as follows:—Private W. Stewart, 10,291, 1st Royal Scots, frost-bitten feet; Private B. Chambers, 13,998, 1st Royal Scots, frost-bitten feet; Private H. Buckley, 4,660, 2nd Borderers, B.W. finger; Private A. Lockhart, 9,040, 2nd Highland L. I., G. and W. thigh; Private A. Short, 12,107, 2nd R.O.S.B., G. and W. face; Lance-Corporal E. Booth, 12,466, 1st R.O.R.L., G. and W. leg; Private F. Noble, 7,244, 1st Cameronians, Grenade wound; Lance-Corporal W. Fyffe, 1,827, 2nd Black Watch, wounded ear; Private S. Rayner, 16,405, 2nd Northampton, wounded finger; Private T. Maddock, 7,030, 2nd Royal Scots, Fus., B.W. back. The majority of these were wounded at the recent fighting at Neuve Chapelle, so that unless a man is badly wounded, he now arrives at an Auxiliary Hospital within a week. Two of these men (Noble and Lockhart) have been at the front since the opening of the campaign, and were at Mons. On the evening of the same day a concert party entertained the men in their messroom.

On Tuesday the hospital was asked, per phone, from Marple Station, if it could accommodate a soldier who had been taken suddenly ill on the platform? As several beds were vacant it was at once arranged to take him in; and, accordingly, he was carried across by the station staff on their own stretcher.

Dr. Hibbert was in attendance, and it was at once seen that the man had had a severe heart attack. His name is Corporal Towse, of the Royal Engineers, who had rejoined as Instructor at Buxton. At the time of writing he still lies in Brabyns Hospital, but is not yet fit to proceed to his quarters.

On Tuesday another party attended to entertain the patients by singing and playing. The ladies and gentlemen who come forward and help in this part of the Hospital routine are doing their bit, just as much as if they were nursing or taking a hand in any other department of this undertaking. First and last the principal difficulty lies in this matter of keeping the men amused. Being released from the very strict discipline of the regular Military Hospital, they are "like boys out of school"!

Nursing Staff for the Week:

Matron: Sister Podmore; Night Nurse, Sister Mastin. Day Nurses: Barlow, Kay, Buck, Hepworth, Jackson, and Lomas. Night Guards: Taylor, Charles, Gibbon, Moss, Rowbottom, Hallum, Waterhouse, Radcliffe, Brook.

Gifts received this month include cakes from Mrs. Falconer, Mrs. Hickson, Miss Sarah Smith, and Miss Agnes Neale; a tongue from Mr. Lomas; hothouse grapes from London; fruit, flowers, and vegetables, from several other people. Mr. Anderson sent a roll of bandage cloth, and Mr. Sewell has promised bandages. Mrs. Rothwell (Church-lane) sends bread every week. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Downes, of Market-street, who has given up the whole of every Wednesday for four months, to washing flannels at the Hospital. Owing to private reasons she cannot at present continue this; her place is temporarily taken by Mrs. John Totterdale and Mrs. Fletcher, two more voluntary helpers.

FEBRUARY 2, 1915.

MILITARY SURGERY

CASES AT WHITWORTH STREET HOSPITAL.

MR. THORBURN'S REVIEW.

Lieutenant Colonel W. Thorburn, Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Manchester University and senior surgeon to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, has supplied our military correspondent with some particulars of the character of the wounds received by soldiers who have been admitted to the Manchester Hospital, and their treatment. These particulars form part of an article which has been written by Colonel Thorburn for the current number of "British Journal of Surgery."

Lieutenant Colonel Thorburn states that the great majority of the cases admitted have been surgical, for many of those sent home as "sick" were invalided for such conditions as hernia, hæmorrhoids, or varix, and the very small amount of actual disease indicated most eloquently the care taken of our troops at the front. Colonel Thorburn has had not personal contact with the medical cases, but he has been informed by Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds that they present no special features of interest, and include only the ordinary diseases of civil life. Rheumatism of a sub-acute type is the most common condition met with; there have been a few cases of dysenteric diarrhoea, several cases of phthisis, but no zymotic disease and no case of typhoid fever.

Low-Velocity Gunshot.

"Of the surgical cases," Colonel Thorburn says, "a large majority are wounds by shrapnel, the most serious cases being due to large fragments of the casing, and others to the contained bullets, which have produced wounds resembling those due to the low-velocity gunshot wounds of a century ago. Many were also due to rifle bullets, fired either from the rifle or machine guns; while a certain number of injuries resulted from falls of buildings, trenches, guns, &c., or from ordinary accidents. Quite recently we have received a good many cases of frost-bite. I have seen only one bayonet wound (in a German prisoner), and no sabre cuts. The proportion of very severe wounds has varied much at different periods, and has doubtless been governed by the pressure on base hospitals in France. In the earlier days most of the cases were comparatively slight, but during October they were very severe, and we were receiving large numbers of patients directly from the front many of whom had received hardly any attention. This was especially the case with prisoners and the Belgian soldiers, who had to be brought over in large numbers and in a great emergency. During November there was another change, as we were then receiving many patients who had been operated upon or otherwise dealt with and were practically convalescent. Up to the end of October hardly any operation had been performed before arrival, and there were many almost untreated compound fractures, injuries to the skull, and other equally serious conditions.

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"Tetanus was met with in the wounded from the region of the Aisne, but is not at present showing itself. Many of these men had received an injection of anti-tetanic-serum before arrival, and I administered prophylactic doses of 500 to 750 units to a large number of cases during the period when the disease was common. Of the cases so treated only one developed tetanus, in a mild form. One case developed after a bullet wound of the cervical vertebræ, with injury to the spinal cord, but has recovered. In all, some fifteen cases have been met with, and eight of these have been fatal. I know of only one case of emphysematous gangrene, and this was fatal in spite of high amputation; but, as with tetanus, it is possible that non-fatal cases may have occurred. The treatment of the wounds has naturally been determined by their septic condition, and aseptic surgery has been impossible; for the great majority fomentations have been the main resource, and suppurating cavities have been syringed generally with hydrogen peroxide, iodine being almost if not invariably used for skin and surface wounds. In some cases continuous irrigation and limb baths have been employed. In regard to the treatment of foreign bodies, I think that all my colleagues have, like myself, adopted a very conservative line of treatment, and that it is unwise to undertake any extensive operations for their removal. Possibly at a later date, when all sepsis has passed away, many imbedded projectiles may have to be removed; but in the recent cases they are best left alone unless fairly accessible by sinus or otherwise, or are obviously dangerous or painful. Compound fractures have given much anxiety, but here also treatment has been very conservative. I have performed but two amputations, with the exception of fingers, and that my colleagues have acted on similar lines is proved by the fact that only thirteen major amputations have been performed.

Concussion Injuries.

"We have had many interesting injuries of the nervous system, but the time is hardly ripe for a correct estimate as to their results. With the aid of the Red Cross hospitals an endeavour is now being made to collect these cases together and undertake their careful investigation. Apart from injuries of the brain and spinal cord, there have been many examples both of actual gunshot wounds to nerves and also of the 'concussion' injuries which constitute so marked a feature of the present war. Injuries of the chest have been numerous, and we have seen many perforations by rifle bullets. These have, however, presented no special features, and the bullet wounds, as in the case of other penetrating injuries of soft parts, show a remarkable tendency to heal up without serious effects.

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THE HERALD, APRIL 1st 1915.

MORE NURSES NEEDED IN "THE NEAR FUTURE."

ARMY APPEAL TO HOSPITALS.

The Director General of the Army Medical Service wishes gratefully to acknowledge the great help the civil hospitals have given in the treatment of wounded soldiers, and makes an appeal to them to help yet more.

In the near future a greatly increased number of nurses will be needed to tend the sick. The ranks of the fully trained will not supply all that are wanted. The Voluntary Aid Detachments are already being called upon for assistance, which they are freely giving, but the need will be even greater than can be met in this way, and the Director General therefore asks all civil hospitals with training schools to help the country still further by making every effort to train for three or six months as many probationers as possible, so that they may be available for work later, under supervision in military hospitals.

MARPLE RED CROSS.

An examination in home nursing was held on March 24th, in the Scouts' Headquarters, by Dr. Frank Christian, of Stockport. Fifty-eight pupils attended the course, at which Dr. Tierney lectured. Of these forty-three entered for the examination, and six failed. Those successful for a third certificate were:—Mrs. Standing, Miss Daisy Hargreaves, and Mrs. Webb. For a second certificate:—Misses Cresswell, Kay, Binns, Jack, and Sewell. For the first certificate:—Misses Ashworth, M. Barlow, A. Bowden, H. Brocklehurst, Cox, Field, Knoop, Kershaw, Latham, Lowndes, M. McLaine, Merchant, Pickfall, Pike, E. Pott, Scholes, Sinclair, Turner, Vernon, J. Vinden, L. Vinden, and Mesdames Hadfield (Birch Vale), Hampson, Hayward, Jackson, Laird, Lomas, Simon, Randall, Taylor. A voluntary aid detachment is being registered, and a second one will shortly be formed and registered.

THE HUDSON FAMILY AND THE WAR.—

There are few families in Cheshire can claim to be doing more in this war than the ancient Hudson family of Brabyns Hall. The family residence was offered by Miss Hudson, the present resident, as a Red Cross hospital, at the beginning of the war, and since our soldiers first started coming home war beaten and wounded, about a hundred men have been successfully nursed to health and strength at Brabyns. There are three members of the family serving in His Majesty's Forces, and one is at present enduring the hardships of imprisonment in Germany, at Crefeld. This is Lieutenant Thos. Hudson, of the Sherwood Foresters, who was taken prisoner some time ago. He was married to the daughter of Colonel Richardson, a retired officer, now resident in Ireland, shortly before the war. Lieutenant Hudson is well known in Romiley as a landowner. He is brother to Miss Hudson, of Brabyns. Miss Hudson has two nephews also serving. Second Lieutenant Hudson, who lived at Brabyns, is now in France with the artillery, and Second Lieutenant Kenneth Hudson, also of the artillery, is in France.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

The following particulars are supplied us:—On Friday last Pte Smart of the London Scottish (Territorials), left for his home. He came to Brabyns on January 8th, as a cot case, in a very low state of health, resulting from exposure and insufficient attention during and after pleurisy. It has been a gratification to the nursing staff to see the good results of their care and trouble in this case, and to know that the patient himself was working with them. Would that more of those committed to their keeping had the good sense to do everything to assist, and not hinder efforts made to get them well. The average regular British soldier may be good at looking after others, but of his own bodily welfare he is apparently indifferent, and appears to think that on cold days overcoats are ornamental superfluities, standing at street corners, or gazing into shop windows, better exercise than walking about, and that alcoholism possesses remarkable healing properties! Whatever else the "new" armies may lack in military finish and experience, the community looks forward with hope that it will be more sober than the old. That, at least, it has a right to expect, as some return for educational methods, right or wrong. His fellow-citizens are tired of the "boozy soldier"; yes, and ashamed of him, too. A man in civilian clothes, drunk, is a poor enough sight, but what shall be said for him who, in like case, disgraces the uniform he wears, and the heroes who have worn, and, maybe, have died, in it? And in this urgent question—so vitally national—of the regulation or prohibition of alcoholic drink, none takes a more eager interest than those who are doing their humble share by providing and controlling auxiliary military hospitals. Nowhere are the ill effects more deplorably evident than amongst those recovering from wounds.

On Saturday, Mr. Laird's party gave a concert in the Men's Mess-room.

On Tuesday Private Short, of the K.O.S.B., left for his home in Paisley, and on the same day two patients were sent back to the 2nd Western General Hospital, for not being amenable to discipline at the Brabyns Hospital. Both men will lose their home furlough, and as soon as well enough will go straight back to duty at their depots. One is an old soldier of long service, who re-enlisted for the war; the other an irresponsible lad who, "rara avis," can neither read nor write.

Nurses for the week.—Matron, Sister Podmore; night nurse: Sister Yarwood; day nurses: Nurses Barlow, Kay, Hepworth, Jack, Hampson, Randall, Taylor.

The night guards during the week were:—the Revs. J. E. Davies and W. Jones (Curate of De-ganwy), Messrs. J. A. Smith, Mark Woolley, J. Ogden, Partington, W. T. Kent, Bates, Oldfield, Pickles, Lyall, Bancroft, Ilard, and Woollard.

NEUVE CHAPELLE TO MARPLE IN FOUR DAYS.—This is smart work, but three of our wounded warriors now at Brabyns Military Hospital can claim such a record. All three were wounded in the famous battle of Neuve Chapelle on the Saturday, and they were comfortably housed at Brabyns on the following Thursday, one of them having in the interim undergone an operation.

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MARPLE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Patients Help the Serbians.

Last week our usual reference to this local undertaking was crowded out by other matter. On Friday, March 26th, Private Smail, of the London Scottish Territorials, left for his home in London. He came to Brabyns as a cot case on January 8th, and has therefore been a patient of long-standing. He was suffering from pleurisy, which, in the exigencies of active service, was neglected in its early stages. He proved an agreeable addition to the Brabyns Circle, and was always an "intelligent" patient, doing all he could to help, and nothing to hinder, the nursing staff. He has since shown his appreciation of his treatment by sending the local branch of the Red Cross a donation.

On Tuesday, March 30th, Private Short, of 2nd King's Own Scottish Borders, left for his home in Paisley. He had received a bullet through the jaw, which came through into the mouth. He made a good recovery, and seemed little the worse for the injury. On the same day two men had to be sent back to the 2nd Manchester, charged with discipline. One of these was to Brabyns as a cot case care had been taken.

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The nightguards for Messrs. Beighton, Osbaldeston, Warburton, Higginson, Bridge, and Hague.

A parcel of socks, muffs to the mine sweepers last week. Two lots of clothes have been sent, through Sir George Grant Suttie, of Winches, the Serbians, who are in the hospital, from the ward. Some of the started a fund for this to add to this by outside contributions.

BRABYN'S AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

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Mr. Alec Platt, of Marple, gave a much appreciated concert to the men in their mess room at the hospital.

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A parcel of woollen comforts was sent to the mine sweepers last week. Two lots of clothes have been sent, through Sir George Grant Suttie, to the Serbians, and gratefully acknowledged by him. Some of the Brabyn's patients have started a fund on behalf of the Serbians, to which donations are invited from outside. These may be sent to the hospital, whence they will be forwarded to the proper channel.

The Red Cross office (St. Martin's library) has been equipped with a signboard made and painted.

Pioneers in a Splendid Girls' Movement.



MARPLE'S GIRL GUIDES.

A FEW OF "THE OAK" PATROL.

Reading from left to right: Miss Kathleen Wainwright, Miss Furniss, Miss Margaret Paton, Miss Nelsie Plant, and Miss Furniss. Photo by J. P. Tew, A.R.M.C.M., Marple.

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On the evening of that day Mr. Laird provided another of his most successful evening entertainments, and on Tuesday April 6th Mr. Platt, of Marple, also gave a concert.

On Wednesday of this week Privates Fyffe, Booth, and Lockhart left on home furlough.

The following Red Cross Nurses took duty last week during the day under the supervision of the matron (Nurse Podmore): Nurses Buck, Jack, Scholes, McLaine, Turner, and Ashworth. The night duty was taken by the matron and Red Cross Nurses Buck, Ward, Farrow, Jackson, Scholes, Binns, Barlow, Lomas, and Scott (Mrs.). Sister Mastin is now on night duty.

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A parcel of socks, mufflers, and mittens was sent to the mine sweepers last week. Two lots of clothes have been sent to the Serbians, and the parcels gratefully acknowledged by Sir George Grant Suttie, of Winchester. Any donations for the Serbians, who are in the direst need, may be sent to the hospital, from whence they will be forwarded. Some of the Brabyns patients have started a fund for this object, and it is hoped to add to this by outside contributions.

BRABYN'S AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

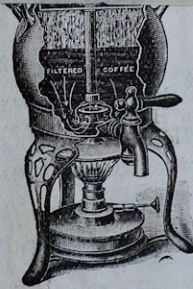
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The Red Cross office (St. Martin's library) has been presented with a signboard made and painted by Mr. John Aldcroft, who on sending it expressed his regret that he was unable to enlist as he is deaf and dumb, and Lord Kitchener will not accept him.



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A RED CROSS APPEAL.

POPULAR SOLDIER'S FAREWELL.

On Friday last Private F. Noble, 1st Camerons, left for his home in Hull, on sick furlough. On Monday Corporal S. K. Russell, 2nd Yorks and Lancs., and Private B. Chambers, 1st Royal Scots, left for their homes in Grantham and Glasgow respectively. The former came to Brabyns on Dec. 7th last, and consequently had been an inmate for more than four months. He had become exceedingly popular throughout the district. His wound was in the shoulder, and had the bullet been diverted a hairsbreadth, one of the principal arteries of the body would have been severed, and nothing could have saved this man's life. Mr. Laird gave an entertainment on Thursday, and on Tuesday arranged a concert party, both of which were, as usual, the best of their kind.

The Marple Bridge Congregationalists, through their Mr. Royal, sent to the Hospital £13 10s., the result of a special collection made on behalf of the Marple Red Cross Society a few Sundays since.

URGENT NEED FOR MOTOR CARS.

GIRL GUIDES HELP.

The Red Cross Secretary has received a

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

Summer Games for the Soldiers.

To-day (Wednesday), the number of patients has been reduced to six, Private Raynor, 2nd Northampton, having left for his home in Stamford. He was injured in a finger, and also had frost-bitten feet. As one of Corporal Sharpley's three wounds has not made satisfactory progress, he has been sent into the 2nd Western General Hospital, to be X-rayed, and the Brabyns medical officers will be guided thereby.

As the weather improves, and the hours of daylight increase, the want of outdoor amusements will be felt. Mrs. Macnair, of The Shanty, Marple, has sent an archery set, and a clock golf has been made in the grounds. It is now proposed to add quoits.

The night guards for the week have been Messrs. Warden, Howles, Hyde, Ogden, Charles, McQuone, Sims, Woolley, Bancroft, and Lyall.

During the absence of the matron for a few days' holiday, Mrs. Wallace Hague is most kindly taking her place at the Hospital, where she is very popular with both staff and patients.

Mrs. Mastin, of Ludworth, is at present taking night duty. The Red Cross nurses on duty are Nurses Binns, Hepworth, Clymer (Marple), Farrow, Jackson, and Lomas (Marple Bridge).

Thanks are due to Mrs. J. Totterdale for help given the last four Wednesdays at hospital laundry, and to Mrs. Pickford for helping them for two weeks. Mrs. Taylor of Lock Cottage, is to be added to the list of helpers in the kitchen one day weekly, to give their services for long or short periods. In above the above departments voluntary work is very greatly appreciated. It also shows the very strong wish is among all classes that they should their share of work in the present national stress.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Special Christmas services were held on Friday morning, in both Mottram St. Michael's and Broadbottom St. Mary Magdalene Churches. Holy Communion was held at eight and noon. The Vicar (Rev. W. A. Pemberton) was the preacher at Mottram, and the Rev. D. Thomas at Broadbottom.

SCHOLARS' COFFEE PARTY.

The scholars attending Broadbottom Primitive Methodist Sunday School were provided with

UNITARIAN SCHOOL.—The scholars attending Fitzalan-street Unitarian School, following the custom of years, were regaled on Christmas with coffee and buns, and before were presented with oranges, and apples, which were distributed to the teachers.

DISTRIBUTION.—An event which the scholars connected with Mount Congregational Sunday School anti-



SERVICE AT ST. LUKE'S.—A service was held on Sunday evening at Luke's Church, and the Vicar, Mr. Martin Ellis, M.A., was the preacher. Special music was rendered by the choir, including the anthem "Nazareth," well rendered, and Mr. G. Bowden gave a solo in the same. Mr. Hyatt played at the organ. A good congregation was present, and the collection was on behalf of the church fund.

OF FORMER GLOSSOP MAN.—A book place on Saturday, at Ash-

and they gave a splendid interpretation of the anthem "Try my heart O Lord." Mr. G. J. Dearnaley was at the organ.

BROADBOTTOM CIVILIAN CORPS CHRISTMAS EVE WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—Promoted by members of Broadbottom Civilian Corps, in aid of their fund, a capital evening was spent in Broadbottom New School, on Christmas Eve, in the form of a whist drive and dance, and the evening attracted a crowded attendance. Mr. V. Turner officiated in the capacity of M.C. of the

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Brabyn's Military Hospital.

A RED CROSS APPEAL.

POPULAR SOLDIER'S FAREWELL.

On Friday last Private F. Noble, 1st Cameronians, left for his home in Hull, on sick furlough. On Monday Corporal S. K. Russell, 2nd Yorks and Lancs., and Private B. Chambers, 1st Royal Scots, left for their homes in Grantham and Glasgow respectively. The former came to Brabyns on Dec. 7th last, and consequently had been an inmate for more than four months. He had become exceedingly popular throughout the district. His wound was in the shoulder, and had the bullet been diverted a hairsbreadth, one of the principal arteries of the body would have been severed, and nothing could have saved this man's life. Mr. Laird gave an entertainment on Thursday, and on Tuesday arranged a concert party, both of which were, as usual, the best of their kind.

The Marple Bridge Congregationalists, through their Mr. Royal, sent to the Hospital £13 10s., the result of a special collection made on behalf of the Marple Red Cross Society a few Sundays since.

URGENT NEED FOR MOTOR CARS.

GIRL GUIDES HELP.

The Red Cross Secretary has received a letter from the honorary secretary of this Division, asking for inquiries to be made in Marple as to whether any owners of motors there are able and willing to lend their cars for transport work in Manchester. Cars thus requisitioned would not be called out more than twice a week, except in cases of great emergency, and, when possible, they would be used for transport to hospitals in this neighbourhood. The Transport Secretary says "that the shortage of cars is really serious, and that this work will be gravely handicapped in anticipated movements in the near future unless the number is considerably increased." He has told those in authority "that no car is on his list as coming from Marple, though, of course, there may be owners whose cars are helping outside the county organisation." (At least one Marple owner has given a car for Red Cross purposes other than local).

The local Red Cross Secretary, therefore, makes the above want known, and will be glad to hear from anyone willing to help. Letters may be sent to this Hospital.

Opportunity is taken here to mention a very useful local organisation, under the charge of Miss Mary Rhodes, namely that of the "Oak Patrol." Although its only means of "transport" is a bicycle, it conveys, and has done since August, innumerable parcels and letters on Red Cross service. Some of the members are the Misses Patron, W. Furniss, K. Wainwright, N. Plant, L. Anderson, and S. Budenberg. Then there are "Rosebuds" and Cub Companies (under the charge of Miss Briggs), who are learning to be useful messengers.

Mr. John Aldcroft has made, painted and presented to the Red Cross Society a sign-board for their office, which continues to be open twice weekly, at St. Martin's Library.

The Red Cross Nurses on duty this week during the day were Nurses Sewell, Laird, Kershaw, Vernon, Pott and Turner. The night nurses were Nurses Jackson, Lomas, Farrow, Scholes (all Marple Bridge), Hepworth, Hargreaves, Barlow and Buck.

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Brabyn's Military Hospital.

Summer Games for the Soldiers.

To-day (Wednesday), the number of patients has been reduced to six, Private Raynor, 2nd Northampton, having left for his home in Stamford. He was injured in a finger, and also had frost-bitten feet. As one of Corporal Sharpley's three wounds has not a satisfactory progress, he has been sent into the 2nd Western General Hospital, to be X rayed, and the Brabyns medical officers will be guided thereby.

As the weather improves, and the hours of daylight increase, the want of outdoor amusements will be felt. Mrs. Macnair, of The Shanty, Marple, has sent an archery set, and a clock golf has been made in the grounds. It is now proposed to add quoits.

The night guards for the week have been Messrs. Warden, Howles, Hyde, Ogden, Charles, McQuone, Sims, Woolley, Bancroft, and Lyall.

During the absence of the matron for a few days' holiday, Mrs. Wallace Hague is most kindly taking her place at the Hospital, where she is very popular with both staff and patients.

Mrs. Mastin, of Ludworth, is at present taking night duty. The Red Cross nurses on duty are Nurses Binns, Hepworth, Clymer (Marple), Farrow, Jackson, and Lomas (Marple Bridge).

Thanks are due to Mrs. J. Totterdale for her help given the last four Wednesdays at the hospital laundry, and to Mrs. Pickford for helping them for two weeks. Mrs. Taylor, of Lock Cottage, is to be added to the list of helpers in the kitchen one day weekly, who give their services for long or short periods. In above the above departments such voluntary work is very greatly appreciated. It also shows the very strong wish there is among all classes that they should take their share of work in the present national stress.

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Respirators for the Belgian Army.

No new patients have arrived during the week, though reports are to hand that considerable numbers have been sent to Manchester.

Mr. Morgan Bevan, who had made himself responsible for the organisation and attendance of the hospital night guards, having been offered and having accepted a commission, has been appointed to the Glamorganshire Yeomanry. He left Marple on Monday last to take up his duties. The control of the guards now devolves upon the Hon. Secretary, who has some eighty names of men who have, in turn, done duty since the opening of the hospital last October.

The nursing staff for the week is—Sister Podmore, Red Cross Nurses E. Barlow, M. Barlow; —, Ward, and —, Skerritt. The Misses Greenhalgh, who have just completed three months' training at Stockport Infirmary, are on night duty for a week at the hospital. Night guards were—Messrs. Hallam, Williamson, Vernon, Woolley, Osbaldeston, Tymn, and Sharples.

Through the Marple Red Cross Society, over four hundred respirators have been made, and sent to the Belgian Army.

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The "Dustaw."

COMMISSION FOR MARPLE MAN

Local Land Agent Joins the Yeomanry.

Mr. T. Morgan Bevan, of Manor House, Marple agent for Miss Hudson for the Brabyns Estate has received a commission in the Glamorganshire Yeomanry, and left Marple to begin his military duties. Mr. Morgan was also the surveyor, etc., for the Compstall Urban District Council. That position will be kept open for him, and in the meantime those duties will be carried out by Mr. D. J. Diver, surveyor to the Marple Urban District Council. Lieutenant Bevan was also the hon. secretary of the Marple and District Horticultural Society.

Before coming to Marple he was in business as an architect and surveyor at New Mills, where he was well known. Since the establishment of the military hospital at Brabyns Hall he has been captain of the night guard. This is not the first time Lieutenant Bevan has been engaged in military matters. For some years he was in the yeomanry forces of the country.

On Saturday night a special party was held at the Jolly Sailor Hotel, Marple, to bid farewell to Lieutenant Bevan, and make him a presentation.

George Falconer, and about 30 persons sat down to a first class savoury hot-pot supper, provided in the best style of the popular host, Mr. Edward Waterhouse. After partaking of the feast the company spent the remainder of the evening in a pleasant social manner. Mr. Wm. Somerset was the accompanist, and also contributed vocal solos, and songs, etc., were given by Messrs. Geo. Falconer, Jas. H. Stott, John Fletcher, and Julian Hague. Lieutenant Bevan also contributed to the programme, and accompanied himself on the pianoforte. Later in the evening Mr. J. P. Tew acted as accompanist. Lieutenant Bevan was presented with 250 boxes of choice cigarettes. A pleasant gathering was brought to a close in the usual way.

COMMISSION FOR MR. T. M. BEVAN.—Our readers in the Marple, Compstall, and New Mills district will be interested to learn that Mr. Thomas Morgan Bevan, of Manor House, Marple, Surveyor to the Compstall U.D.C., has been offered, and has accepted, a commission, in the Glamorganshire Yeomanry. He left Marple on Monday to take up his duties, and for the present his address will be the residence of his father, the Rev. M. Bevan, Eweny Vicarage, Bridge End, Glamorgan. 2nd Lieutenant Bevan, as he is now, served a term of three years in the Glamorgan Yeomanry some years ago, previous to coming north, to take up professional duties as architect and surveyor at New Mills. On Mr. Stephen Hargreaves leaving Marple for Birkenhead, to take up duties under the 1909 Budget, as Land Valuer, Mr. Bevan succeeded him as agent to the Brabyns Estate, and as the Surveyor to the Compstall U.D.C. Since coming to reside in Marple Mr. Bevan has made many friends, his breezy good nature and bon homie on all occasions having served to make him extremely popular with all sections. He is hon. secretary of the Marple and Mellor District Farmers' Association, and was mainly responsible for initiating the joint show movement which, owing to the war, had to be abandoned last year. He is Vicar's warden at St. Martin's Church. He is a stalwart Conservative and Imperialist, and no one has worked harder in connection with the Brabyns Hospital organisation than Lieut. Bevan. He will be much missed as the leader of the Guard at the Hospital, and all will join with us in hoping he may achieve honour, and that he will soon be able to return sharing in his country's victory.



Brabyn's Military Hospital.

RESPIRATORS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

In our issue of last week the departure of Pte. H. Buckley was omitted. He had an injured finger, which had sufficiently healed to allow him to proceed to his home in Glasgow, on Saturday, May 1st. He had been in the hospital since March 18th.

On the evening of Monday a concert was held in the messroom.

On Saturday last Sergeant Sharpley, who is extremely popular amongst the inhabitants of the district, returned to the hospital, from Whitworth-street, after undergoing an operation, and having a diseased bone extracted. On Saturday next it is expected that three more soldiers—Privates Stint, Fletcher, and Stewart,—will start on home furlough, prior to re-joining their respective units.

The Red Cross Nurses on day duty under Sister Podmore are Nurses Hampson, Randall, Taylor, Kershaw, and Sewell; and on night duty—Nurses Ashworth, Binns, Hepworth, Farrow, Scholes, Turner, Ward, Jackson, Lomas, and Ward.

The Red Cross Society has published a "Cheshire Red Cross Handbook," for 1915, price 6d., which is full of interesting information. In addition, it will be of use to all who hold any kind of positions in that society.

The London Committee for the Belgian Soldiers' fund gratefully acknowledge the respirators sent them by the Marple Branch of the Red Cross. They send word of a new pattern they have had sent from the War Office, and which they will gladly forward to anyone desirous of making more of these respirators.

LIBERALS AND THE RED CROSS.—The whist drives held under the auspices of the Marple Women's Liberal Association for the benefit of the local branch of the Red Cross Society realised £3.

Pt. Walter Stewart
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Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital.

SEVENTEEN MORE MEN ARRIVE.

This has been a very quiet week at the Hospital, and two out of the few remaining men left for their home on Saturday last. These were Privates Stewart and Fletcher. The first-named belonged to the 1st East Yorks. and the second to the 1st Royal Scots. Private Fletcher came to Brabyns on Jan 8th as a "cot" case, with a very severe shrapnel wound in the chest. He has been a good patient, easy to control, and always bright and cheerful. In his case no surgical treatment was necessary.

On Thursday afternoon seventeen wounded and gassed soldiers arrived at Brabyns. There are now 20 patients in the hospital. Sister Podmore was in charge this week, assisted by Red Cross Nurses Farrar, Vernon, Merchant and McLaine. Sister Glover has offered her services indefinitely for night-duty, and started this week, after a few days' rest. She has just returned from the same work at Baxenden, Accrington.

There are now two registered V.A.D.'s in Marple, numbered Cheshire 110 and Cheshire 114 respectively, of which Mrs. Standring and Miss Barlow are commandants.

SANDBAGS WANTED.

Lt. Col. W. E. Lloyd, commanding the 19th (Service) Battalion Manchester Regiment, now at Grantham, states that he is in need of about 5,000 sandbags. These are military necessities used for strengthening walls and earthworks, and to form direct cover for troops both in the trenches and in the open, when attacks are made. They are obviously a means of saving casualties and life. These bags should be made of stout canvas—jute or hessian, firmly stitched with string, and have strong string attached to the open end. Six inches from the bottom, at the closed end, a strong hem should be made, as it forms a handle when the bag is full. The bags should measure 33" x 14". They may be sent (or money for them) to the Red Cross Society, at St. Martin's Library, but the Red Cross Society is not allowed to pay for them out of its funds, such being exclusively for the use of the sick and wounded.

AVAILABLE BEDS IN THE WESTERN COMMAND.

Brabyns, as an "Auxiliary" is attached to the 2nd Western General Hospital, but may receive its patients from any one of the other four base hospital centres, all of which are controlled by the C.O. at the Whitworth-street Military Hospital. On April 16th there were 9,752 beds belonging to and controlled by Whitworth-street, and since then this number has doubtless been added to. Of the five base hospital centres three are in Manchester, one in Salford, and one in Stockport. These together contain 3,248 beds, and, attached to these base hospital centres are 135 auxiliary hospitals, containing 6,504 beds, making the total of 9,752.

MARPLE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Canadian Heroes.

GOVERNMENT WANTS PAID NURSES.

As was intimated in our last issue, seventeen fresh patients arrived at the hospital on Thursday last, the 20th. Their names, regiments, and ailments are as follows:—Private C. Wilde, 7,692, 2nd East Surrey Regt., gunshot wound in left leg; Private C. Greenwood, 256, 8th Canadians, gas poisoning; Private A. Connell, 13,094, 2nd Cameron Highlanders, gunshot wound in face; Private C. Long, 4,489, 2nd East Kents, gunshot wound in arm; Private J. Pether, 6,066, 3rd Somerset L.I., shrapnel wound in shoulder; Lance-cpl. J. Mason, 8,361, 3rd King's Royal Rifles, shrapnel wound in buttock; Lance-cpl. F. Sweet, 12,686, 5rd Somerset L.I., shrapnel wound in finger; Private L. Sullivan, 10,019, 1st Royal Irish, shrapnel wound in forearm; Private H. Mason, 6,238, 2nd Shropshire L.I., gunshot wound in face; Private J. Lawson, 2,939, 2nd King's Own Lancers, shock; Private G. Newcombe, 1,490, 5th South Lancers, gunshot wound in forearm; Private W. Tonge, 16,001, 2nd East Yorks, shrapnel wound in back; Private G. Nunn, 4,079, 1st York and Lancers, gunshot wound in scalp; Private J. Graham, 22,738, 14th Canadians, gunshot wound in shoulder; Private H. Tutthill, 7,154, 1st Bedford, shrapnel wound in back; Private J. Bowden, 1,734, 5th South Lancers, shrapnel wound in forehead; Private A. Blaker, 4,127, 2nd South Lancers, bullet wound in scalp.

These are all sitting-up cases, and formed part of the first batch of patients to be sent direct to the Stepping Hill Base Hospital, lately opened, near Stockport. All the other patients received by Brabyns hitherto have come from one of the Manchester base hospitals. With four exceptions these new patients were wounded early in the present month, and not a few have been at the front almost since the beginning of hostilities. In the gas poisoning case the patient has been left with a most troublesome and violent cough, and complains of considerable pain in the region of the lungs. On Saturday last, and again on Tuesday, Mr. Laird and friends provided excellent and much appreciated concerts in the men's mess room.

The Whitsuntide nurses were: Red Cross Nurses Farrar, Jack, McLaine, Tattersall, Pike, and Sinclair, under Matron Sister Podmore. The night guards are Messrs. Buck, Ekersley, Platt, Rudd, Pickles, Vernon, Kent, Bates, the Rev. W. H. Batho Gibbon and the Rev. H. Haynes.

NEED FOR NURSES.

There is a great need for Red Cross nurses to offer their services in the military hospitals throughout the country. The War Office stipulates they shall be between the ages of 23 and 38, and shall sign on for six months. The nurses will be paid £20 a year, with an extra £4 for uniform, and travelling, boarding, lodging, and laundry expenses will also be paid. Marple applications to be made through the commandants, Mrs. Standring or Miss Barlow.

The hospital has to thank the Marple Women's Liberal Association for a donation of £5, and the churchwardens of All Saints' Church for a share of the collection made on the occasion of the churching of the chairman of the Marple Council. This amounted to £5 2s. 8d. These contributions are much appreciated, as well as those which are sent in from time to time by people who cannot otherwise help.

June 5. 1915.
REPORTER. SATURDAY. JUL

MARPLE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Entertaining the Wounded Soldiers

Up to Tuesday, June 1st, Brabyns had its full complement of twenty patients. On that day Pte. Nunn, 1st York and Lancshires, and Pte. Graham, 14th Canadians, and Pte. Tutthill, 1st Bedfords, left for their homes. They were followed by Privates Bowden, 5th South Lancshires, Lawson, 2nd King's Own Lancshires, on Wednesday the 2nd. There were thus five beds vacant at the time of writing.

On Thursday, May 27th, Mr. Laird gave a concert, and assisted by some dozen friends did the same again on Monday, the 31st, and the mandoline music and good singing provided were much appreciated. On Saturday eleven of the Brabyns men had a cricket match with Compstall on their ground, the rest of the patients joining the spectators, and watched the play with interest, until rain put a stop to the game. Brabyns scored 110 for five wickets, and Compstall 200 for seven, and the "valid" team had no occasion to feel ashamed of their performance.

Nursing Staff: Sister Podmore, matron; night, nurse, Sister Glover; Red Cross nurses, Jackson, Lomas (Marple Bridge), Hepworth, Jack, Sinclair, and Verhon.

Night Guards: Vernon, Ainsbury, Woolley, Warburton, Moss, Bridge, Bancroft, Leigh, Osbaldiston, Field, Howles, Ogden, E. Pott, Tew, Anderson, and Newton.

During Whituntide the Misses Lloyd and Hoole, of Leigh Avenue, collected £1 5s. 3d., which they sent to Miss Hudson. The fact of this money being nearly all in copper is an indication that a great deal of trouble must have been taken, and time given up to this kindly effort.

Mrs. Furniss, of the Old Hall, by selling lilac blooms to visitors to the Roman Bridge Lakes, was able to hand nearly one pound to the Brabyns' treasurer.

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CAPTAINS OF THE GUARD.—Since Sec. Lieut. Bevan joined the forces, the guard at Brabyns Military Hospital has been re-organised. The arrangements now are that Mellor shall provide guards for the first ten days in each month, Mr. Frank Newton having kindly undertaken the duty of captain; for the second ten days the Rev. J. Reid Davies, B.A., of Marple, as captain, will provide the guards; for the last 11 days (or 10, as the months determine), Mr. J. P. Tew will be captain of the guard to officiate on those nights.

CHILDREN'S WORK FOR RED CROSS.—A number of little Marple girls, including Gwennie Lloyd, Kitty Hoole, and Madge Hoole, have realised 10s. for the Marple branch of the British Red Cross Society by selling flowers. They have gathered wild hyacinths, and other flowers, and sold them to raise the money.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Excellent Work of the Cheshire Branch.

THE VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT.

In common with all other branches of the B.R.C.S. the work of the Cheshire Branch has increased since the outbreak of war in August of last year by leaps and bounds, until at the present time there is hardly a village in the whole county which is not in some way or another interested in the work of helping the sick and wounded in the war.

Besides the very large quantities of clothing and comforts supplied to the many auxiliary home hospitals in the county, or sent up to the main depot in London, two additional depots have been formed, one at 60, Sackville-street, Manchester, and one at St. Michael's Row, Bridge-street, Chester, both of which have done excellent work. Some of the smaller places, where no hospital has been formed, have been particularly conspicuous in this essential part of the society's work.

The Red Cross organisation has been of the very greatest assistance to the War Office and the country generally, and its main work in Cheshire has consisted in the provision of three things which are, above all, essential to the proper treatment and comfort of the wounded—transport, hospital accommodation, and last, but perhaps most important of all, trained or partially trained nursing help.

The County of Cheshire is adjacent to two large military hospitals, one being the 1st Western General Hospital at Fazakerley, Liverpool, and the other the 2nd Western General Hospital at Whitworth-street, Manchester, and of the 57 auxiliary home hospitals in the county 15 are situated in the western half, and are affiliated to the General Hospital at Liverpool, and 42, situated in the eastern half, to the General Hospital at Manchester.

It may not be generally known that the whole of the motor transport service in the Manchester area, which consists in the conveyance of the sick and wounded from the railway stations to the general hospitals, from the general hospitals to the various auxiliary hospitals and convalescent homes, is carried out entirely by the Cheshire Branch of the Society, acting in conjunction with the East Lancashire Branch. The whole of this transport service is, of course, given voluntarily, and from the eastern part of Cheshire alone some 150 cars and 20 ambulances are continuously engaged, often day and night, in this arduous and essential work. In the western half of the county, very valuable assistance is also rendered in the same way, and it is not saying too much to state that without the help of the Red Cross the large military hospitals would have been gravely handicapped in the work which has been so admirably carried out by them in the treatment of our wounded soldiers.

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military hospital for one month, on probation, and
if approved is asked to sign on for special service
for a further period of six months. Cheshire has
already sent forward over 100 names for this
purpose, and it is hoped that many more will be
available. The need is already very urgent and
will increase as time goes on, but it should be
borne in mind that candidates cannot be accepted
without going through the preliminary training
provided by the society's lectures and examina-
tions.

This branch of the society's work is perhaps,
at the present time, the most important of all,
and fresh detachments are still being formed.
There are at present in the county 58 women's
and 12 men's detachments, with a total member-
ship of well over 2,200.

The Cheshire branch has recently published a
small handbook, which may be obtained from the
headquarters of the branch at 56, Mosley-street,
Manchester, or from the publishers, Messrs. W.
Pearce, Ltd., 52, Corporation-street, Manchester,
at the price of 6d., or 7d. post free.

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Flora Buck
daughter of
Wm. Buck,
cousin of
J.S. Collings-Wells

June 12. H. Reported.

MARPLE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

New Cases From the Dardanelles

Including the present patients in the hospital 114 have been received there since 31st October, 1914. On June 4th six additional men arrived, two in a motor ambulance, namely, Private W. Dalton, 11,447, 1st Dublin Fusiliers, and Private A. Acton, 3,734, 1st Lancashire Fusiliers. Both were wounded in the Dardanelles. Dalton has lost a foot, it having been amputated on board the transport bringing him to Malta. Acton has a gunshot wound in the thigh. On the same day four other fresh patients arrived, namely, Private J. Moir, 1,469, 7th Northumberland Fusiliers, with a bullet wound in right hand. Private M'Intyre, 10,396, 1st K.O.Y.L.L., shrapnel wound in left arm, Private Henry Howell, 6,410, 6th Dragoon Guards, gunshot wound in knee; Lance-corp. J. Miller, 9,232, 1st Seaforths, bullet wound in back. These latter are all from Flanders, and came to Brabyns from Delaunay's Hospital, Crumpsall.

On Thursday last Mr. Laird provided another enjoyable evening for the men, and on Saturday they had a sing-song on their own.

On Tuesday four more patients arrived from the 2nd Western General Hospital, Manchester. They are as follows: Private O. Middleton, 77,162, 16th Canadians, gunshot wound in leg; Corp. A. Taylor, 1,147, 4th Canadians, sprained back; Private F. White, 3,279, 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, shrapnel wound in back; and Private G. Evans, 1,499, 21st London, shrapnel wound in foot. Two of these are cot cases.

KINDNESS TO THE PATIENTS.

Those able to indulge in rowing exercise have freely availed themselves of the hospitality of the Roman Lakes Company, who allow the men free use of their boats. The hospital has to thank Mr. A. K. Johnson, of Marple, for yet another consignment of stationery. This makes the third donation of this most useful commodity, and as the men have plenty of time on their hands, and perhaps have not either heard of or from their friends for some time, a great quantity of paper and envelopes is consumed. Another most useful gift is a number of thick rubber sheets, on which the men can safely sit or lie upon the grass. These come from Mr. Fenny, of Marple.

Nurses for the week: Sister Podmore, matron; day nurses: Jackson, Scholes, Lomas (Marple Bridge), Hampson, Buck, and Vernon; Sister Glover took charge at night. Night guards: J. Lincoln, Clelland, Brisbane, Hamilton Harris, Vessey, Nicholls, Lomas, Heywood, Seed, and Davies.

A party of wounded soldiers from Brabyns Hospital had an exciting experience on Sunday afternoon, at Marple Lakes. Four of our fighting men, who are recovering from wounds, and the effects of gas, at the pretty Brabyns Hall, went for a row on the lake. One of the soldiers, despite his bandaged arm, could wield an oar, and all went well until a change over was decided upon, and two who had complied the oars well, handed them over to their comrades. As they were exchanging seats the skiff tilted, and the men were thrown into the water. They managed to get a footing, but they had a ducking, and it might have been worse had not they happened to be in a shallow part of the lake. They were subjected to some banter as they returned in their drenched khaki.

June 19. Reporter.

Marple Military Hospital.

A LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS.

This last week the number of patients reached 24 for one day, and was maintained at 23 for the week-end. As the registered number of beds is 20, and as ten of the men are cot cases, it will be seen that the medical, nursing and household staff had a very busy time.

The newest arrivals are Private C. Cadden, 5849, 1st Lancashire Fusiliers, gunshot wound in shoulder; Private J. Chadwick, 6771, 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers, bullet wound in abdomen; Private Knox, 21719, 16th Canadian Scots, shrapnel wound in legs; and Private W. Snell, 1378, 4th Australian A.M.C., bullet wound in ankle. They were sent from the 2nd Western General Hospital on 11th inst. in a motor ambulance.

Some of the men lie out most of the day on improvised beds and couches. They had a field day on Tuesday, when the Hazel Grove Red Cross Township leader and some workers drove out to see them, and fed them with strawberries and chocolates, besides giving the ever-wanted, indispensable cigarettes.

Sister Glover completed a month of night nursing last Sunday, and has been followed this week by another voluntary trained nurse, Miss Yarwood, and Red Cross Nurses E. and M. Greenhalgh. The matron (Sister Podmore) was in charge during the day of Red Cross Nurses Sewell, Kershaw, Hepworth, Ward, M. Barlow, Jackson, and Mrs. Hyde Abraham (Glossop). Red Cross nurses are also helping in the kitchen and laundry.

The following were the week's night guards:—Messrs. Monkhouse, Lalonde, Fitzmaurice, Rao Smith, Hallam, McLaren, R. Higginbotham, T. Hyde, Sadler, Tom Lomas, H. Brook, and T. Allan.

Patients discharged on furlough to their own homes during the week were Private G. Newcombe, Private H. Mason, Private L. Sullivan, Lance-Corporal F. Sweet, Lance-Corporal J. Mason, Private C. Long, and Private J. Pether. This furlough is now a week only.

Mr. Laird and Mr. Parkes each came down one evening to provide a little music for the men in the mess room, which the cot cases enjoyed, too, from their wards.

CONTRARY TO MILITARY ORDERS.

SUPPLY OF DRINK TO SICK SOLDIERS.

The Acting Chief Constable of Salford (Mr. J. A. Crawford) has issued a warning to all the licence-holders in the borough on the supply of drink to sick soldiers. In a printed circular Mr. Crawford states that he has been directed by the Government to take steps to protect soldiers undergoing treatment in hospitals and convalescent homes from the dangers of intoxicating liquor. The principal auxiliary hospitals and convalescent homes in the borough are:—Salford Royal Hospital; Hope Hospital, Pendleton; Fernwood, Pendleton; Fairhope, Pendleton; Fernhill, Pendleton; The Moorlands, Kersal; and Shenstone House, Broughton Park. The circular states that to supply intoxicants to convalescent soldiers is contrary to military orders, and unless licensees take precautions it may become necessary to take other steps under regulation 10 of the Defence of the Realm Act. All licensees are asked to help in the matter, and special precautions should be taken in the districts where hospitals and homes are situated. From inquiries made it appears that the police are expecting that much more drastic measures will be taken before long.

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MARPLE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Colonials Arrive.

Three Canadians and two Australians are among the patients at the hospital. The Canadians have been fighting in the Dardanelles and the Australians in Flanders. There were three new arrivals on June 18th, namely, Private W. Grimshaw, 10814, 18th S.B. Manchester; Private J. Routledge, 1465, 6th Northumberland Fusiliers; and Scout E. Kennedy, 7th Australian Infantry, who is suffering from a gunshot wound. During the week the following left the hospital, Privates F. G. White, J. Moir, and Lance-Corporal J. Miller.

The men have very much enjoyed motor runs, through the kindness of Mrs. McKenzie and Mr. J. T. Pott. It is a great treat for them, especially when otherwise they would be lying in bed, and it has an additional advantage in that they sleep ever so much better for the exhilarating rush through the fresh air.

A croquet set and a game of quoits have been given, and are a source of amusement to those who can't take walks. A gift of strawberries and cream, and another of home-grown rhubarb, were greatly appreciated.

Every week brings letters from some former patient expressing his gratitude for benefits received at Brabyns, and in the case of the Belgians, saying how happy they were in England, and how they miss the cigarettes.

The Red Cross nurses this week were Nurses Farrow (Marple Bridge), Hyde, Abraham (Glossop), Binns, Turner, Pott, Merchant, and (Mrs.) Scott; matron, Nurse Podmore. The night nurses were Nurse Yarwood, and Red Cross Nurses Jackson and Lomas (Marple Bridge), Greenhalgh (Mellor), Hampson and Kay. Nurse Kay has also helped with cooking.

The night-guards were Messrs. A. Vernon, A. Platt, W. Rudd, J. Parker Smith, J. Hague, C. Corry, E. E. Terry, Rev. J. Reid Davies, J. Tew, W. Anderson, and E. O. Furniss.

Mrs. Pickles has sent a donation for the hospital through her father, Mr. A. Leigh. Her home is now in Thorpedale, Victoria, and it is nice to be remembered in this way from the other side of the globe.

The Compstall Band played selections opposite the hall on Saturday afternoon, which were enjoyed by cot cases and convalescents alike. Mr. Laird again kindly came down to give a concert in the messroom.

Visiting hours at the hospital are daily from 2-30 to 4.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

MARPLE TERRITORIAL OVER FROM DARDANELLES.

FIRST LOCAL PATIENT.

There are twenty-two patients at present in the hospital, being two over the scheduled number. On Sunday, Private Dalton, 1st Dublin Fusiliers, who came from the Dardanelles, with an amputated leg, was sent back in an ambulance to Whitworth-street Hospital, Manchester, for further treatment there.

For the first time since the hospital was opened there is a local soldier there, in the person of Private William A. Stott, 2091, 6th Manchesters, who arrived on Wednesday. He is suffering from a shrapnel wound in the left thigh received on June 6th, during the fighting in Gallipoli. He is very cheerful, and in good spirits, and it is a pleasure to all concerned to have him at Brabyns, and help to nurse him back to health.

The hospital is about to lose the services of Nurse Podmore, as matron, she being again required in the village in her capacity of nurse. The District Nursing Committee, at some trouble and inconvenience to themselves, arranged to help the Red Cross Society by sparing her to be matron of their hospital, and by having a substitute, meanwhile, in her place. From the very beginning, Nurse Podmore took a keen interest in the hospital, where

she worked hard in everything for the benefit of the patients during the eight months she has been in charge. She has had a large varying staff of Red Cross Nurses under her, whose training fell to her lot, and who are very sorry to lose her as their head. The Red Cross Committee take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging their debt to the District Nursing Committee, who supplied them, on very easy terms, for so long a period, with a very capable matron.

Further gifts of strawberries, flowers, rhubarb, and cigarettes have been received during the week; also a ping-pong table with accessories, which is a source of amusement both out of doors and in. Motor rides have again been enjoyed by some of the patients, thanks to Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. Shackelford, and Mr. J. T. Pott. The men look forward to being taken out, and their health and spirits benefit in consequence. Mr. Laird brought down a party to sing and play, and gave the men an enjoyable evening of music last Monday.

PRIVATE W. A. STOTT, WOUNDED, HOME.

There was great satisfaction amongst his many friends, on Wednesday, when it became known that Private William Arthur Stott, son of Mr. J. H. Stott, P.L.G., and Mrs. Stott, of Manor Hill, Marple, had arrived at Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital, from the Dardanelles. As soon as it was known that Private Stott, who was reported wounded in our issue last week, was on his way to England from Malta, it was suggested that an effort be made to secure his transference to the Brabyns Hospital from Whitworth-street. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Burton and Private Stott's father, this request was granted. He arrived looking older, and wearing traces of the terrible ordeal he had gone through. He was suffering from neuralgia, and was in some pain. He will be fit again, it is expected, in a few days. He has a shrapnel wound in the left thigh, but the fragments of shell have been removed, and recovery is expected to be satisfactory, if slow. Private Stott has had some exciting experiences. He was hit on the helmet with a bullet, which penetrated, and caused a lump on the head. He had his jack knife in his pocket, and this probably saved him from serious wound, if not death. He was hit by a bullet, and when he looked at the knife he found it badly damaged. He was using his rifle, and a sniper evidently saw the flare of the discharge. The next thing Private Stott saw was that his rifle had been smashed into fragments. He says he saw Eric Waine walking about as he was being wheeled out in a bath-chair. Private Stott, who is 22 years of age, enlisted with Private Bates in the 6th Manchester, the day after Bank Holiday. They had both served the full period in the Territorials before. Private Stott sent the following interesting letter to his parents from Malta, dated the 20th ult.:—My leg is getting on fairly well, and when the wound is a little healthier it has to be stitched up. After that it should get better pretty quickly. Nearly all the ladies who met us on our landing with eggs, etc., have been round to have a word or two with us, and you look forward to the afternoons when they come. In fact the people of Malta are doing everything for the "Wounded Warriors," as they call us. Entertainments here, and teas there, of course, I haven't had the luck yet, as I am not yet able to go out. It is rather sad to see young fellows here with an arm or a leg taken off; some with an eye out, and other permanent disfigurements; then the horror of war salutes you. On the battlefield you see fellows with their heads almost off, others lying wounded, pitifully asking for water, but you can't stop, you must always bear in mind, "Forward."

When you see all this, and you think of

SLACKERS AND FUNKS

at home, it fairly makes your heart grieve. Anyhow, we are all in the best of spirits. You must be when you are in such company, and it is far better than moping. The best thing is to bear your pain as cheerfully as possible. It is rather amusing to see fellows trying to hobble along on one leg, and we have some sport out of it at times.



Private W. A. STOTT,
wounded in thigh; now in Brabyn's Hospital,
Marple.
For Report see this page.

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MARPLE OFFICERS' FINE WORK.

Turk's Big Losses.

Captain Eric Richardson, formerly of Mellor Lodge, Marple, and now of the East Lancashire Regiment, writing respecting the fighting at the Dardanelles, says:

"We had a big attack on the 4th inst., and captured the main Turkish trenches. Had a good number of casualties in our division, but the Turks suffered big losses both in the artillery bombardment and in the attack. We took over a thousand prisoners."

"On the 6th a battalion of men were marching up the road which adjoins our headquarters, when the Turks opened a heavy fire of shrapnel on them, knocking several over. As there were no Red Cross people handy, the chaplain—Lillie, of Marple—and I attended to the wounded. Lillie did fine work. He dressed the wounded under a terrible shrapnel fire, and stayed with them all this time. I had to leave him once or twice to go and get stretchers up. Between us we managed to get them all safely away. The chaplain was acting as stretcher-bearer. One poor chap who was badly hit in the back, and whom we were dressing, kept saying, 'Don't stay with me; you'll get killed.' However, Lillie bandaged him up, and we got him off. I think he will do all right. It was a horrible experience. I expected to be killed any minute. The Turks are treating our wounded well. We have found our wounded men properly bound up and their injuries stated on a ticket in Turkish stuck on their jackets."

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Brabyns Military Hospital.

SOLDIERS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER PUBLICHOUSES.

As intimated in last week's account, a change of matrons was imminent. This takes place at the end of the present week, Mrs. Wallace Hague having kindly volunteered to act in this important capacity for an indefinite period.

Coincident with this change comes another—that of control. It so happens that fresh and more stringent regulations have been issued to all auxiliary hospitals, and it will fall to the lot of the new matron to enforce these. It appears that so many complaints have reached headquarters concerning the behaviour of certain military patients attached to auxiliary military hospitals in the Western Command, that the General Commanding is determined that these complaints shall be minimised. Cases of repeated drunkenness have occurred, and it is now absolutely against regulations for hospital patients to go inside licensed premises on any account whatsoever. We have over and over again appealed to the public, and reminded them of the folly—nay wickedness—of “treating” wounded soldiers. We know, of course, everything of this sort is well meant, and done in all kindness, and we should now like to inform these good-hearted ones that if there is ground for complaint in the future, the “auxiliary” or semi-private hospitals will be closed. This will entail all wounded soldiers spending the time of their convalescence in the austerity and monotony of military hospitals, which, though beneficial to their health, will deprive them of that happy time which we all long to give them.

The patients at Brabyns are progressing favourably. Some of them have thoroughly enjoyed motor runs, which were most kindly arranged for them by Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. McKenzie, of Station-road, and by Mr. J. T. Pott. This is one of the things that help. Another is the concerts so regularly arranged for them by Mr. Laird, at least once every week.

Gifts during the week have included fruit, flowers, vegetables, cakes, calves-foot jelly, Oxo, golden syrup, eggs and scones. Mrs. Bradbury and Mrs. Falconer were among the donors, also Mrs. Howles, who sent a present of night-shirts.

We are pleased to learn that Private A. Stott, the first Marpleite to come to Brabyns, is progressing satisfactorily. Though he has not yet been out of bed, he is cheerful, and hopes to be able to get out shortly. During the last few days he has suffered pains in the head, doubtless caused by the injury he sustained on the head whilst in the Dardanelles fighting.

their country.

FLORAL SERVICE.—Last Sunday afternoon the annual flower service was held at All Saints' Church, the Curate, the Rev. J. R. Davies, B.A., officiating. He received gifts of flowers from the children at the Communion table. These were afterwards sent to Brabyns Military Hospital, and distributed amongst the poor of the parish.

COLLE.—Miss Annie Pott added another to

Sheraton Bedroom Suite. Inlaid Mahogany, chest and Washstand.

Fumed Oak Bedroom Suites ...

MARPLE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

New Rules for Control of Patients.

The new rules for the control of the patients came into force at the beginning of this week, and the men have loyally agreed and promised to abide by them. Their sense of honour has been appealed to, and they realise that the matter is in their own hands. What affects them most is the fact that their hours of liberty outside the grounds of the hospital are somewhat curtailed. The enforcing of the new rules from the War Office has fallen upon Mrs. Wallace Hague during the three or four weeks she is giving her services as matron at the hospital, and it could not have been in better hands.

Private Stent, who arrived on January 8th as a cot case, left on Saturday for X-ray treatment in Manchester. He refused to say “Good-bye,” or to take a single possession with him, saying only “Good morning,” and assuring everyone he would most certainly come back again. We hope he will be sent back soon.

The hospital has just received a very useful present in the form of a dressing wagon, and the donor wishes to remain anonymous. It will be a great convenience to the nurses, and looks very well in the surgery.

Mrs. Plant sent some of the men a very good motor run one day, as also did Mr. J. T. Pott, and Mrs. Mackenzie and Mrs. Jackson took some of them out in their cars. Miss Deas very often takes two or three of the patients driving in her dogcart, a form of “exercise” greatly appreciated by those unable to walk.

The new gramophone records sent by Mr. Johnson are a nice change from some of the old ones, which are now heard less often. Mr. Hamilton Harris kindly entertained the men on Saturday night with a concert, in which he sang several times, to the enjoyment of his audience. Mrs. Hirst arranged a mandoline and song evening, and Mr. Laird and Mrs. Taylor also came and provided music on another evening. As the men are not allowed out of the grounds in the evening these concerts are excellent for them.

We must thank the Misses Lloyd for their success in collecting over £5, chiefly in pennies, for the wounded soldiers, and also the organisers of the flower service at All Saints for the gorgeous flowers they sent to the hospital.

The Late Capt. Carver.

TOUCHING LETTER FROM THE WIDOW.

HAPPY MEMORIES OF MARPLE.

In reply to a letter of condolence sent by the managers and workpeople of Hollins Mill, at the death from wounds of Captain Oswald Carver, the widow has sent the following letter: The Landscape, Sussex. To the Managers and workpeople of the Hollins Mill. Dear Friends,—I am indeed grateful for your letter of sympathy to me in my overwhelming sorrow, and I am glad to have it as proof of your appreciation of my beloved husband, and to feel that you valued his presence amongst you, and are proud of his glorious death. My sojourn in Marple was brief, but of intense happiness, and will always be to me a cherished memory, and perhaps some day one of our sons will return there to carry on his father's work, and uphold his name in the mill.—With grateful thanks, yours truly, Elizabeth A. Carver.

PRICE



*Who evaded his duties.
July. 26th 1918.*

Brabyns Military Hospital.

FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED.

The new rules for the control of the patients came into force at the beginning of the week, and the men have loyally agreed and promised to abide by them. Their sense of honour has been appealed to, and they now realise that the matter is in their own hands. What affects them most is that their hours of liberty outside the grounds of the hospital are somewhat curtailed. The enforcement of the new rules, as laid down by the General of the Western Command, has fallen upon Mrs. Wallace Hague, during the three or four weeks she is to act as Matron at Brabyns, and it could not have been in better hands.

Private Stent, who arrived on January 8th, as a cot case, left on Saturday for X ray treatment in Manchester. He refused to say "good-bye" when leaving Brabyns, or to take away any of his possessions, saying only "good morning," and assuring everyone he would most certainly return. It is hoped that he will, being so generally well liked.

GIFTS AND HELP.

The Hospital has just received a very useful present in the shape of a "dressing waggon," of which the donor wishes to remain anonymous. It will be a great convenience to the nurses, and is an ornament to the surgery.

Mrs. Plant sent some of the men a good motor run, as also did Mr. J. T. Pott, and Mrs. Mackenzie and Mrs. Jackson also took some out in their cars. Miss Deas also very often takes two or three of the patients driving in her dog cart, a form of exercise appreciated by those unable to walk.

11/23. 1915
Mr. Braddock, of Marple, who so kindly lent a gramophone, and many excellent records, has had the former repaired, and returned to the Hall, and Mr. Johnson, of Rose Hill, has lately supplemented the collection of records with others. Mr. Hamilton Harris kindly entertained the men on Saturday night with a concert, in which he sang several songs, to the enjoyment of all. Mr. J. P. Stafford, of Hyde, contributed in his inimitable style to the programme. Mrs. Hirst arranged a mandoline and song evening, and Mr. Laird and Mrs. Taylor also came and provided music on another evening. As the men are not allowed out of the grounds in the evening, these entertainments are now of more value than ever.

The Misses Lloyd have to be thanked for their efforts in collecting over £5 (chiefly in pennies) for the wounded soldiers, and the organisers of the flower services at All Saints' for the splendid flowers they were able to send down to the hospital. Last week we stated in error that Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pott had kindly provided a motor-car for the soldiers, instead of Mr. and Mrs. T. Plant, of Kilmory, Church-lane, and the men had a most enjoyable run to Buxton.

Brabyns' Military Hospital.

WELL SUSTAINED GENEROSITY

24/1/18
For several weeks the hospital has sent in its daily report with "overflow" recorded. However, there are now three vacant beds, owing to several men leaving on home furlough and two having gone for further treatment to Manchester. Mr. Turner, Scoutmaster, gave the patients and some nurses and friends a splendid picnic on the canal, towards Bollington, last week. They all enjoyed the boating thoroughly, and the tea on the bank, in lovely weather. Mr. Laird again arranged an evening's entertainment, as also did Miss Jowett, of Mellor. She brought some school children to perform "The Pied Piper," which was much enjoyed by a large audience. Voluntary cooks have begun work during the last ten days, coming in daily, two at a time, and for a week each when possible. The Red Cross Secretary will be glad to hear of anyone willing to co-operate in this scheme, and able to give up a week at a time to it. We gratefully record the continued weekly gifts of meat from Mr. Arnall and Mr. Sharples, who have each sent seven lbs. a week since the hospital was opened; also Mr. Dawson's gift, every Friday, of vegetables and fruit. We owe special thanks to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Robinson, both of Market-street, for their continued generosity, with medical requirements, and to the many people who give their personal services week by week in the many departments of the hospital.

Brabyns' Military Hospital.

WARNING TO THE PUBLIC. 31/7

The public are warned against putting money into collecting boxes, unless they are stamped with "Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital," and signed by an authority from there. A very few boxes are in use, with the sanction of Miss Hudson, and it is known that only these few are regularly brought in to the Hospital.

The Head of the Cheshire Branch of the Red Cross Society has issued another circular letter, urging the importance of the further training of nurses, with a view to some of them, and those already certificated, being willing to work in military hospitals where required, and in which they will receive a salary. There is

A NEED FOR TRAINED NURSES

to be set free for more important work, and this can only be met by those Red Cross nurses who are able to serve away from home offering to do so. The same letter says that Cheshire has the second largest number of auxiliary hospitals of any county, and that it is hoped the record here for sending Red Cross nurses to military hospitals may be equally high.

The above shows the need increases as time goes on for nurses who are free to offer themselves for this duty.

As regards the patients in the above Hospital, there have been discharged during the week only two, both on further furlough. Private Hunt, 5th South Lancashires; and Private Greenwood, 8th Canadians.

Private Stent, who was sent to High Street Base Hospital, Chorlton-upon-Medlock, Manchester, for further treatment a fortnight since, returned on Tuesday to Brabyns, or "home," as he put it. He had been here since January 8th, when, it may be remembered, he arrived in a motor ambulance, and was a "cot" case for many weeks.

There were three new arrivals on Wednesday: Sergeant Stansfield, 7,626, 1st K.O.R. Lancs., shrapnel wound arm, whose home is at Woodley; Private Stevens, 7,225, 4th, R. Fusiliers, G.S.W. arm; and Private Corigan, 734, 3rd S. Lancs., shrapnel wound leg.

The men have had motor runs and drives in a pony cart, and several very good entertainments, notably one given by the "Acacias," for which Mr. Laird arranged. Mr. Plant was responsible for another evening, and the Marple Band played selections on Saturday afternoon.

Gifts during the week include three large meat pies from Mrs. J. E. Robinson, which were voted "excellent"; cigarettes from Mr. J. T. Pott; chocolates from Miss A. Pott; bananas and oxo from Mrs. Woodson; bandages from Mr. Jowett; home-made large cakes from St. Martin's vicarage (weekly contribution), and two lots of home-made jam.

Earlier in the month presents of new-laid eggs from All Saints' Vicarage, and another house, were appreciated.

For use of the troops in the Dardanelles a parcel of twill night shirts has been sent away.

During August the Red Cross office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 11—12-30.

We are pleased to hear that Private W. A. Stott, the Marple Territorial who was wounded in the Dardanelles, on June 6th, and who has been confined to his bed in the Hospital for about a month, is now able to get about in the grounds of the hospital with the aid of crutches. He is feeling better for being able to get out into the open, and it is hoped that his affected nerves will soon be quite strong again.

REPORTER. SAT AUGUST 7, 1915

MARPLE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

All the Patients Making Satisfactory Progress.

Exactly a year ago to-day, August 4th, Brabyns was offered to the War Office for a hospital. On the very day of the declaration of war Miss Hudson's decision was made. On the 1st of September Brabyns was ready, and was the very first of the auxiliary hospitals in Cheshire to be occupied. During the weeks of preparation the honorary secretary, Mr. Buck, spent much time and thought in planning, designing, and helping to organise the management and working of the future hospital. It is very largely owing to his forethought and trouble in every detail of these preliminaries that the hospital has worked so smoothly and well for the nine months of its existence. We regret very much, therefore, to have to announce Mr. Buck's resignation. He has entered upon a wider sphere of national service, that of munitions; but we hope he will sometimes be able to continue his visits at the hospital, where his help and advice are much valued.

By the time these lines appear in print the new matron, Mrs. Perry, will have arrived from London. She is chosen by the joint War Committee of the Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Association. Mrs. Wallace Hague has done valuable work during the month she kindly gave her services as matron, and the one regret is that we cannot always have her. Mrs. Brereton (sister of Mrs. Crews, of Marple) is very generously giving the whole of August to night nursing at Brabyns Hospital. We have been particularly favoured from the very first by voluntary help from trained nurses, both for day and night duty. Some hospitals are so well off that they are able to dispense with the War Office grant; others, on the contrary, are asking that it may be increased, whereas at Brabyns the middle course is taken of feeling satisfied with the existing allowance.

The patients are making satisfactory progress, though in many cases it is bound to be slow. They are very cheery, and enjoy their period of convalescence. On Saturday some of them played Compstall at cricket, on the latter's ground, where Dr. Hibbert entertained them to tea. Nurse Yarwood and some of the Brabyns men made a collection, and returned to the hospital very satisfied with the generosity of the spectators. On Monday Mrs. McDonald invited some of the patients to tea at her house.

To-day the patients and some Red Cross nurses are being feted at Townscliffe Golf Club by the invitation of the members. Mrs. Barlow is sending her car for the men to have a weekly drive, and Miss Deas often takes a patient in her pony cart.

The children of the local Unitarian and primary department of the Wesleyan Sunday Schools brought flowers to the hospital this week. Cakes and scones were also sent by different people.

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Brabyn's Military Hospital.

A year ago last Wednesday week (August 4th), Brabyn's was offered to the War Office as a hospital—on the very day of the declaration of war. Miss Hudson's decision was made. On the 1st of September Brabyn's was "ready," and had the honour of being the first of the Cheshire Auxiliary Hospitals to receive patients.

During the weeks of preparation, the honorary secretary, Mr. G. F. Buck, spent much thought and time in planning, designing, and helping to organise the management and working of the future hospital. It is very largely owing to his forethought and trouble in every detail of these preliminaries, that the hospital was worked so smoothly and well during the nine months of its existence. We very much regret, therefore, to have to announce Mr. Buck's resignation; he has entered upon a wider sphere of national service—that of munitions,—but we hope he will sometimes be able to continue his visits to the hospital, where his help and advice are much valued.

By the time these lines appear in print, the new matron, Mrs. Perry, will have arrived from London. She has been chosen for us by the Joint War Committee of the Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Association. Mrs. Wallace Hague has done valuable work during the month she kindly acted as Matron, and our one regret is that we cannot always have her. She helped us in the very beginning, and has always been a friend on whom we could rely to help us in emergencies.

Mrs. Breerton (sister to Mrs. Crews, of Marple) is very generously giving the whole of August to night-nursing at Brabyn's. From the first, we have been most favoured by voluntary help from trained nurses, both for day and night duty. Some hospitals are so well off that they cannot dispense with the War Office grant, others, on the contrary, are asking that it may be increased; whereas, at Brabyn's, the middle course is taken of being satisfied with the existing allowance.

The patients are making satisfactory progress, though it is bound to be slow in many cases. They are very cheerful, and enjoy their period of convalescence. On Saturday week some of them played Compstall at cricket, on the latter's ground, where Dr. Hibbert entertained them to tea. Nurse Yarwood and some of the Brabyn's men made a collection for the Red Cross, and came away more than satisfied with the generosity of the spectators. We thank Miss Jessie Hague, Church-lane, for a donation received from her collecting box (authorised).

The children of the local Unitarian and Primary Department of the Wesleyan Sunday Schools brought flowers to the hospital during the week. Cakes and scones have also been sent.

Mrs. McDonald had some of the patients to tea at her house on Bank Holiday, and to-day the Townscliffe Golf Club is entertaining all who can go, and some of the nurses as well. Mrs. Harlow sends her car one day a week to take some of the men a run, and Miss Deas takes them drives in her pony-cart. Our thanks are due to all who help in this way to vary the daily routine of those men unable to walk.

Marple Military Hospital.

There is little to report for the past week, as no change of patients has taken place. Nineteen beds are occupied at present, and all the patients are going on satisfactorily. Owing to the uncertain weather motor drives and outdoor entertainments have had to be postponed, and our colonial inmates have come to the conclusion that the sun is really never seen or felt in "the old country," but in spite of the dullness they have had some "dandy" motor runs.

Tobacco, generously given by some of the workpeople at Messrs. Andrews and Sons, Compstall Mill, has been forwarded to the hospital. Mrs. Andrew Shanks has sent eggs, and Mr. Bennett a muffler; jam and flowers have come from Mrs. Hodgetts and friends at Mellor; and bovril, eggs, cocoa, and toffee have been received from an anonymous donor—all very welcome and useful gifts.

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Brabyn's Military Hospital.

Since the last report of August 4th the hospital records show the usual routine in all departments. Owing to the uncertain weather, motor drives and outdoor entertainments had to be postponed, and our Colonial inmates have come to the conclusion that the sun is never really seen or felt in "the old country," but in spite of the dullness they have had some "dandy" motor runs. Brighter days have come, and now the cot cases can get the full benefit of the grounds, and can test their returning powers in the peace and quiet of the park.

Much private hospitality is shown to the patients, and is valued by all. Every man who is well enough may accept two invitations in the week, provided a written request is sent to Miss Hudson, and that there is no entertainment provided on that night at the Hospital.

A successful operation has been performed on Private McIntyre, K.O.Y.L.I. He received a shrapnel wound in the left arm at the second battle of Epres, early in March, and has been at Marple since the beginning of June.

Private H. Howell, 6th Dragoon Guards, who arrived at the same time, has left for furlough at his home. He had been at the front since Mons, and went through safely until May 1st, when he received a bullet in the knee; he is fortunate in having only a scar and slight limp to remind him of past dangers. Tobacco, generously given by some of the workpeople at Messrs. Andrew and Sons, Compstall Mill, has been forwarded to the Hospital. Mrs. A. Shanks has sent eggs, Mrs. Bennett a muffler; jam and flowers have come from Mrs. Hodgetts and friends at Mellor, and bovril, eggs, cocoa, and toffee have been received from an anonymous donor—all very welcome and useful gifts.

MARPLE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Both patients and nurses welcome the brighter weather, for now the cot cases get the full benefit of the grounds, and can test their returning physical powers in the peace and beauty of the park. Much private hospitality is shown them, and is valued by all. Every man who is well enough may accept two invitations in the week provided a written request is sent to Miss Hudson, and that there is no entertainment on that night at the hospital. On Sunday Dr. Hibbert performed the operation of sequestromy on Private McIntyre, K.O.Y.L.I. who had received a shrapnel wound in the left arm at Ypres early in March, and has been at Brabyn's since the beginning of June. Private H. Howell, 6th Dragoon Guards, who arrived at the same time, has left for home furlough. He had been at the front since Mons, and went safely through the war until May 1st, when he received a bullet in the knee. He is very fortunate in having only a scar and a slight limp to remind him of past dangers. Eighteen beds are now occupied, and satisfactory progress can be reported.

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Brabyn's Military Hospital

At the time of writing, Wednesday, August 25, all the beds are full, but there have been changes in the occupants. On August 20, Private Evans, of the 21st London Regiment, went on furlough; he had had a shrapnel wound in the foot.

Private Briggs, 3rd Rifle Brigade, left on the following day. He came to Brabyns in January, so he had been a patient here for eight months, with a short absence in March, when he was sent to the General Western Hospital, Manchester, for X-ray treatment to his arm. After three operations, he made a rather slow recovery.

Corporal Taylor, 4th Canadians, has gone to Monks Horton Canadian Convalescent Camp, near Hythe, in Kent, for a month's furlough. He is with 150 fellow countrymen under canvas, and much enjoying the present fine weather.

During the week Dr. Burton operated on Private Knox, 16th Canadian Scots. He is suffering from the effects of shrapnel in the left ankle, and came to the hospital on July 11th.

On Saturday evening the Stockport Industrial School Band played at the Recreation Grounds, in aid of the Marple Red Cross Society; the suggestion that Brabyns Hospital should supply the collectors was taken up with enthusiasm, and five men undertook the work, under the charge of Nurse Yarwood. As some of the expenses of the band have to be deducted, it is not yet possible to give the amount cleared, but £6 18s. 6d. was collected at the time by—Private Grimshaw £1 17s. 3d.; Private Chadwick £1 4s. 5d.; Private Cadden £1 2s. 2d.; Nurse Yarwood 19s. 7d.; Private Stent 18s. 3d.; Private Tanner 14s. 2d.; anon 2s. 6d.; total £6 18s. 6d.

Gifts of tea, scones, eggs, tomatoes, and wine have been received. Eggs are very much needed for the cot cases, and a few new laid ones every day would be a most useful and timely present.

On August 19th three new patients arrived. All had been in hospital in France. Private R. Clark, 1st Connaught Rangers; Private E. Theobald, R.A.M.C., 2nd West Riding Field Ambulance; Driver L. Ollington, A.S.C., Motor Transport.

On Saturday Private Birchenall, 6th Cheshires, who is recovering from influenza, and Private R. Glass, 1st Lancashire Fusiliers, wounded in the ankle at the Dardanelles, came from Whitworth-street.

ALPS FOR PRISONERS.

HEALTH CURE FOR FRIEND AND ENEMY SOLDIERS.

"A group of invalid prisoners belonging to the various belligerent countries," writes a Swiss correspondent of the *Lancet*, "following an agreement reached between the British, French, German, and Austrian Governments on the one hand and the Swiss Federal Council and the Papal delegates at Berne on the other, are expected to reach Switzerland during the present month."

"The whole scheme has been carefully arranged, and it is expected that the group referred to above will consist of soldiers who are suffering from tuberculosis, and they will be grouped according to their nationalities, and will then be conveyed to the principal climate stations of Switzerland—Leysin, Montana, Davos, Arosa, etc. The prisoners will be accorded as much liberty as possible, and permission for their families to stay with them will be granted."

"The prisoners thus interned will be requested to give their parole not to attempt to escape, and it is expected that their respective Governments will also remind them of the necessity of following the various regulations laid down by the Swiss authorities."

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

The War Office has collected the Australian soldiers in England into an Australian Hospital in Middlesex—Harwood Park, where the men live in huts. This meant the removal from Brabyns of Scout Kennedy and Pte Snell, both of whom were very disappointed at having to go; so far, they don't like their new quarters. We are sorry to lose them. The Canadians are afraid they may be collected together next; we hope not.

Two new arrivals during the week keep the number of patients up to 19. They are Sergeant Mudd, 9026, Inniskilling Fusiliers, and Private McNailly, 2655, 5th Notts and Derby. The former is suffering from Perostitis from shell casing. A civilian was taken in, and treated for crushed hand one day this week. He was a worker in a local mill.

Mrs. Breerton has completed her month of night nursing at the Hospital, where her services have been much appreciated by the management, and also a great help to the Red Cross Funds.

Since Mr. Bevan's departure the nightguards have continued their valuable work, under the supervision of Messrs. F. Newton and Tew, and the Rev. J. Davies, each of whom are responsible for ten nights monthly. The sister in charge is glad of the protection thus afforded during her long hours of vigil. Nurse Yarwood is engaged for night duty for the present. We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Standring for a gift of strong walking sticks, and a case of medicated wine; and two Marple girls, who wish to be nameless, for the proceeds of a sale of scent sachets. To Mr. Partington, a night-guard, we are indebted for eighty-four eggs, a collection made by the children of Alder Hill Council School, Earby, Lancs. A more useful contribution to the hospital housekeeping could not be imagined. Other gifts include money, flowers, and cakes. Mr. Hyde, Mr. Kay, and the Marple Bridge Post Office sell Post Cards of the hospital, to which they give all the proceeds. The 21st October is to be "Red Cross Day" throughout England, when a special effort will be made to raise funds for Red Cross work.

BRABYNS A. MILITARY HOSPITAL. LADIES WHO HELP.

It is well known how gratefully offers of help for kitchen and laundry work are received at the Hospital, to supplement the work of the regular staff, who naturally cannot cope with all the extra labour now involved. For many months a day weekly has been given in the kitchen by Mrs. Booth (Dookey-lane), Mrs. Andrews (Willow Grove), Mrs. Taylor (Stockport-road), and Mrs. Bridge, of Marple. Occasional helpers have been Mrs. White, Mrs. Barrow, and Mrs. Bridge (Compstall). During September Mrs. T. Harrop and Mrs. Heaton, both of Mellor, are giving a day a week.

In the laundry Mrs. Wood (Church-lane), and Mrs. Jones (Lock Side), have helped by doing hospital washing in their homes since October, and Mrs. Downes (Market-street), Mrs. Hall (Stone Row), Mrs. Austin (Church-lane), Mrs. Wardle (Compstall), and Mrs. Totterdale, frequently give up days to washing in the Hospital laundry. Volunteers for the winter are wanted in both the above departments, and it is hoped some will be forthcoming, to help the Red Cross work in this way. In addition to the Red Cross nurses, who do the entire work of the wards, there is now an established rota of voluntary cooks working under the supervision of Mr. Burgess (cook-house-keeper). Mrs. Breerton, on the completion of her month of voluntary night nursing, sent four large chickens, and a quantity of sausages—all cooked—to her late charges. Mrs. Crews sent an enormous cake. Other gifts include scones from Mrs. McKenzie, apples and pears from Mrs. Hall, and vegetables from Dawson, greengrocer. Mrs. W. Jones and Mrs. M. McKenzie have taken the men out in their cars, and Mr. Laird got up a concert one evening. Two patients were discharged this week—Corporal Tanner, on home furlough, and Private Acton, as his gunshot wounds are very bad, and show no sign at present of improving. He had been here since June 4th. There are 19 patients at the time of writing.

The Red Cross Society wishes nursing classes to be held where possible, therefore arrangements have been made with Dr. Tierney to give a course of lectures on First Aid, on Thursday afternoon beginning on 21st October.

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A cricket match, on behalf of the Brabyns Hospital, has been arranged for to-day (Saturday), between the Mellor club, who will be assisted by others, and a team of members of the Mellor Home Guards. The game will take place on the Mellor ground.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

DISTINCTIVE DRESS FOR SOLDIERS.

The War Office recently ordered that all soldiers in hospitals shall wear blue, to distinguish them from those on furlough, or engaged in their work. It also has the advantage of enabling the owners of public, and other licensed houses, to know a patient at a glance by his clothes, and to carry out the instructions they have had not to supply them with intoxicating drinks.

Private Clark, Connaught Rangers, left Brabyns for his home, on Monday, on which day four new patients were sent. They are Lance-Corporal Cox (2051), 7th Cheshires, shrapnel wound; Private J. Mubray (16565), Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, bullet wound; Private W. Howard (2570), 4th Cheshires, bullet wound in the arm, and shrapnel wound in the face. These arrivals bring the number of patients up to twenty. On Saturday most of them went to a cricket match at Mellor, at which Mrs. Hambleton, of Lower Hill Farm, sold ices for the benefit of this hospital, and thereby realised a sum of twenty-eight shillings. Mr. Hall, of Bowden-lane, through Miss Bowden's shop, sold some of her home grown pears, and sent us the proceeds. The members of the Wesleyan Chapel sent fruit; Mrs. Pickles gave black grapes; Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Woodhouse, and Mrs. Shanks sent scones and cakes; and Lord Newton sent a haunch of venison. All the above were received with many thanks.

Mrs. Barlow, Miss Barker (now nursing at Brabyns), and Mr. Scott (Mellor), have given the men motor runs.

Matron Mrs. Perry is having a few days' rest, and we are fortunate to again have Mrs. Wallace Hague to take charge of the hospital during her absence.

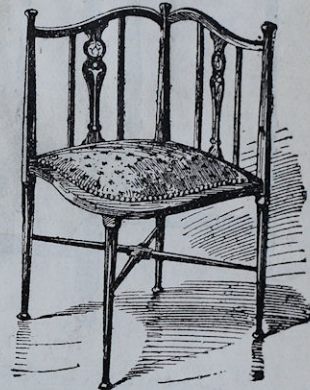
Our own soldiers at Brabyns are well provided with clothes, and, from time to time, the Marple Red Cross Society sends parcels for the troops abroad. In addition, it is now asked to ascertain who are the prisoners in Germany from this township, with a view to their being provided with food, clothing, letters, and books. Any information may be sent to the Red Cross Secretary until Miss Barlow's return, the latter having undertaken to look after this important work of seeing to the comforts of prisoners, and assuring them of the necessities of life at least.

SUCCESSFUL RED CROSS EFFORT.—One of the most successful efforts since the war commenced was the whist drive promoted by a group of ladies, and held in the Shepley Hall, on Wednesday evening. The ladies who had promoted the function, and who worked so indefatigably for its success, were—Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Budge, Mrs. F. Hague, Mrs. W. Hague, Mrs. Hoole, Miss Pott, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Waine, and Mrs. Woodson. There were twenty-nine tables occupied. The room was elaborately decorated. There was a large quantity of flowers neatly arranged in the room, and the effect was strikingly pretty. A large piece of calico, with "God Save the King," painted on, stretched across the platform, two large Red Cross flags were placed at each end, and bannerettes were suspended from the platform and from the side walls, while a huge Union Jack, measuring over ten yards across, covered the wall at the door end of the Hall. There was an abundant and tasteful assortment of refreshments, all of which had been generously and readily given, as also had the very handsome prizes, which were won as follow:—Ladies, 1st (silk table centre), Mrs. T. Shaw; 2nd (silver tea caddy), Miss Pickles; 3rd (sealed prize) (pair of silver-plated candlesticks), Mrs. Austin. Gents: 1st (safety razor), Mr. F. Thelwall; 2nd (meerschaum and amber cigar holder), Mrs. Pollitt (playing as gent); 3rd (sealed) (tobacco jar), Mrs. Warren. There was also plenty of fruit on sale, as well as a Delph pattern teapot, and a copper plant vase and plant. After the function a large box of refreshments, fruit, etc., was sent to Brabyns Hospital for the soldiers. As a result of the effort, about £10 will be handed over to the Red Cross Funds.

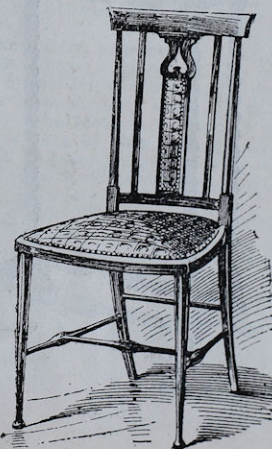
Brabyn's Military Hospital.

The funds of the above have been considerably enriched during the week by the receipt of £10 5s. 7d. from the ladies who organised a whist drive in its aid, and by a donation from the members of the Hawk Green Cricket Club, of £9 17s. 2d. collected at one of their matches. Mr. A. Smith (Market-street) also sent another donation. In addition to the above generous sum there was a huge supply of cakes and fruit received from the whist drive. Apples from her garden were sent by Mrs. Cresswell, eggs by Mrs. J. E. Robinson, bread by Mrs. Broadbent, and scones by Mrs. McKenzie. The Red Cross Nurses at present are doing night duty in twos. On Sunday Dr. Hibbert performed an operation on Pte. Corrigan, who is still in bed, and making progress. Pte. Stent was finally discharged on Monday, after having—with an interval of nearly three weeks at Whitworth-street Hospital—been here since January 8th. Pte. Middleton, 16th Canadians, got his discharge a few days previously. He came on June 8th, and had much to say on the vagaries of our climate. Through the kindness of friends, the patients had several motor runs, and a concert. The Auxiliary Hospitals, on the whole, are very low in patients, so we are fortunate to have 18 at present, more or less convalescent.

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Brabyn's Military Hospital.

CIVILIANS BRING PUNISHMENT ON SOLDIERS.

Owing to the attentions of very-much-misnamed "friends," three patients have had to be summarily discharged "to the Central Hospital, where they will be placed in a Detention Ward until fit for discharge, when they will be sent direct to Depot without sick furlough." The words quoted are copied from the order issued by the officer commanding 2nd W. General Hospital. When will "friends" believe that in treating soldiers they are proving themselves to be their greatest enemies both as regards their health and furlough?

On Monday there were three new arrivals, all wounded in the Dardanelles; they came to us from Ducie St. Hospital. They are Sergeant Dmr. G. Patterson, M. 3689, 1st Lanc. Fus.; Trooper C. A. Evans, M. 448, 10th Canterbury Mtd. Rifles, a New Zealander; and Private F. Hartley, 24543, S. Wales Borderers.

Gifts received this week include a large

piece of beef from Mrs. J. E. Robinson; apples from Mrs. and Miss Murton (Wetherby); a sack of flour, vegetables, fruit, and flowers, from All Saints' Church harvest festival; tomatoes and damsons from Mr. Coe, Mellor; cakes from Miss Watkinson and St. Martin's Vicarage (the latter weekly).

The Marple Brass Band played, and made a public collection in aid of the Hospital, resulting in Mr. Wardle (secretary) sending us £10 6s. 3d., a splendid result of their trouble, for which many thanks.

A Hymn of Praise, composed by Mr. Blood, Hollins-lane, may be bought for a penny a copy, part proceeds for the Red Cross. He handed over 8/4, as a result of his first sales.

Clothes and woollen comforts are being sent shortly to the Depot for distribution to soldiers and sailors. Contributions to be included in the package may be sent to this Hospital.

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Brabyn's Military Hospital. SOLDIERS POISONED BY OUR GAS.

From the Red Cross Society comes a request for extending the number of beds temporarily, should urgent need arise. The officer in charge—Miss Hudson—will consent to do so in an emergency, and at a few hours' notice, if desired by the authorities. Two patients, Driver Ollington, A.S.C., and Private Birchenall, left this week on further furlough, and there are four new cases, all suffering from poisoning by our own gases. In one case a German shell burst a cylinder, and in another a change of wind was the cause. The men are Lance-Corporal R. Brown, 1st R. Welch Fus., and Privates W. McCrory, M. M. Guire, and W. Wilson, all improving under treatment.

On Sunday afternoon Messrs. Dean and Dawson invited the patients, matron, and some nurses to a trip on the canal to Poynton. Four boats were chartered, and the outing was much enjoyed by everybody.

Three more harvest festival contributions of fruit, flowers, and vegetables have been gratefully received; they are from the Marple Unitarians and Congregationalists, and the Mellor United Methodists, at New House Mill.

Other gifts include apples from Mrs. Cuffley, various kinds of jam from Mrs. Paton, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Middleton Hill, and Mrs. Bird; bread (weekly), from Mrs. Rothwell; and eggs from "Anon." Mrs. Brooke sends a weekly contribution in money. Mr. Sigley (Mellor) sent magazines. The scholars of the Wesleyan Sunday School collected five and twopence for the Hospital, through Mrs. Finch, Willow Grove.

Mr. Holt, Bowling Green Hotel, had a Red Cross Day, when a bowling match was played, at which he collected £3 1s. 8d. for the hospital. We are much obliged to him for arranging it, and giving us the proceeds.

The Army Council asks for mufflers and mittens for the troops abroad. Mufflers to be 58 inches by 10 inches, mittens 8 inches from wrist to knuckles, with short thumbs and no fingers, both of drab wool. They may be sent to Brabyns with any clothing or comforts, to be forwarded to the troops abroad.

In accordance with instructions received from the County Secretary classes in First Aid are being held on Thursdays, beginning on October 21st. More Red Cross nurses are needed to release trained ones, as time goes on, and these classes are arranged with that object, in addition to making the existing nurses more proficient in their work.

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MISS HUDSON TO EXTEND THE HOSPITAL.
"OUR DAY."

As intimated in last week's report of the hospital, Miss Hudson has decided to extend the room for the patients by making the present dining-room into a ward, with eight beds, and putting two more beds upstairs. The increase necessitates her drawing-room being turned into a dining and sitting-room combined, for the use of the nurses. The additional accommodation is to be ready on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and the Red Cross secretary will be glad to receive offers of sheets, blankets, and pillows, and to make arrangements for their delivery at the hospital.

The public are probably not aware of the great sacrifices Miss Hudson is making for the Red Cross. She is deserving of not only the thanks of the patients, but of the national gratitude, for her grand work.

Most people are doubtless aware that October 21st has been set apart as "Our Day," by the Red Cross Society throughout the country. The object is to raise funds for the use of the wounded at the various fronts. Marple will keep "Our Day," on the 23rd (Saturday), by the sale of flags and postcards. As the request for us to arrange for "Our Day" has only just been received (on the 13th), further particulars will appear next week, but it is hoped that some of the Red Cross nurses, patients, scouts, and Oak Patrol, will assist in selling. Marple is doing well for the local hospital, and no doubt will respond equally well in the cause of our wounded abroad, for whose sole use this fund is being raised.

A recent patient, Driver Ollington, A.S.C., has invited all the patients well enough, and the hospital staff, to an entertainment arranged by him, of the Minnehaha Minstrels, the well-known workers for charity in Manchester. As it will take place too late for this week's press, an account will be given later.

At present there are 17 patients, three being well enough to be discharged on home furlough, these being—Privates Birchenall, Howard, and Barlow. Mr. Laird arranged two concerts during the week, and Mrs. J. Taylor gave an evening for games. From Mr. Perry (husband of the matron) we received cigarettes, from Mr. Barlow four brace of pheasants, from Mrs. Hyde grapes and pears, from a little girl, Miss Emma Greaves, a box of wood-bines, scones from Mrs. McKenzie, apples from Miss Tootal (Offerton), jam from Mrs. Platt and Mrs. McDonald, who also sent pillowcases.

The Misses Stella and Elsa, and Master Jno. Ward, of Meadowcroft, Lea Hey Park, invited some school-fellows to tea and a magic lantern show, at their home, for which they made a small charge in aid of our funds. We thank them all very much for their kindness, and the gift of ten shillings, in which it resulted. Mrs. Barrow gave back to the funds money paid to her for a day's work in the kitchen department. At present we have a good list of voluntary laundry and kitchen workers, but shall be glad to receive more names.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

"OUR DAY."

THE EXTENSIONS TO THE HOSPITAL.

The ten extra beds are all in position ready for patients, and the equipment for each is all complete, with the exception of blankets—a few more of these are needed, and may be sent to the matron. The wards are looking particularly nice, as the matron, some of the nurses, and cooks, have each given a pretty red and white counterpane, and it is hoped to supply the extra beds in the same way.

Brabyns can now take 30 patients, which means additional expense in many ways—the Government grant will pay for the extra food required. It is hoped, in a few weeks, to publish a balance sheet of the year's expenditure and receipts.

The 13 patients now in the hospital are very convalescent, and some are getting discharged shortly.

Pte Ollington, driver in the A.S.C., came to Marple last week (on the 14th inst.), to receive his guests at the Shepley Hall, whom he had invited to an entertainment by the Minnehaha Minstrels. Originally, it was intended to be given at the hospital for the soldiers and nurses, then the scheme grew, until it included all the working staff, and finally, a few officials. A most enjoyable evening was spent, judging by the never ceasing laughter from beginning to end of the concert.

There was a short interval in which Colonel Wainwright, J.P., spoke a few words of thanks and appreciation for Pte Ollington's kindness. He then spoke more seriously of the cause of our sick and wounded, for whom he begged generously. A collection was made, and the amount realised was £9. The Refreshment Committee, through Nurse (Mrs.) Hampson, handed in 7s. 6d., their surplus, and so Colonel Wainwright's appeal was not in vain.

Mr. Penny sent a most useful gift this week of two tons of coal. The Red Cross funds have been used for very few coal bills during the year, these and many other bills having been almost entirely paid by the owner of the hospital. Mrs. Turner (of Compstall) sent grapes, Mr. Mastin magazines, Mr. Dawson vegetables, and Mrs. Middleton Hill a cake. It is impossible to mention by name all who sent beds and bedding, without which things the extension would not have been possible. We thank them all very much.

As before announced, Dr. Tierney's lectures on first aid began on Thursday, and they promise to be well attended.

The great Red Cross and St. John combined effort, "Our Day," is to be held in Marple, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. These societies do not allow children to sell, so no Scouts and Girl Guides are available. All the local Red Cross nurses and patients are asked to help by selling, or at the depots. All the proceeds are for the sick and wounded on the various fronts, where all we can send will be needed during a second winter of war. Everybody is asked to give at least a penny, and as much more as they like, to the collectors, who will be stationed all over the township from early morning till dark. There are no expenses connected with "Our Day," and the net takings go from Marple to headquarters.

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"Our Day."

MAGNIFICENT RESULT.

In Marple this was celebrated on October 23rd, as a Flag Day, with excellent results to the cause of the sick and wounded at the front. Throughout the Empire funds raised by the Red Cross Society and S. John Ambulance Association, on "Our Day," will be for this purpose only, and to help the scheme Marple was organised in four districts, with a lady in charge, and depot in each. Miss Johnson presided at Shepley Hall, which comprised from the Ridge to the Jolly Sailor, Church-lane, and its off-shoots, and her sellers made £13 18s. 6d. Miss Edwards and Miss Plant made the highest amount in this area, bringing in respectively £2 19s. 1d. and £2 17s. 10d.

Mrs. Adams very kindly took charge of Hawk Green, Torkington, and Windlehurst, her depot being the Reading Room at Hawk Green. Her takings through the district, including Goyt and Shepley Mills, amounted to £7 7s. 1d.

Mrs. Drury presided over Strines, at the Parish Room, her district including the printworks and station, and raised £6 6s. 4d.

As £3 14s. 1d. had been collected on the Derbyshire side of the river, it was sent to the Duchess of Devonshire, to be included in the takings of that county.

The fourth and largest district, with St. Martin's Library as its depot, was controlled by Mrs. Wainwright and Miss Fox. It included both stations, nearly all the village, and Hollins Mill. The receipts amounted to £29 1s. 3d. (including £3 2s. 6d. from Hollins Mill), making a total from all Marple Township of £56 13s. 2d. The record takings by any seller were obtained by Miss E. Pott, who brought in £4 during the day. Miss Milton, second in the same area (St. Martin's), had £2 14s. 7d. in her box.

There were no expenses whatever connected with "Our Day." Miss Hudson lent St. Martin's Library, the committee of the Conservative Club very kindly placed the Shepley Hall at the Disposal of the Red Cross, for two days, and at Hawk Green the Committee of the Reading Room generously did the same. Motors were lent by Mrs. N. Jones, Mrs. McKenzie, and Mrs. Barlow; taxi expenses were defrayed by our treasurer, and Miss Tempest drove her trap to convey helpers about the district. Many ladies took turns at working the depots, and there were plenty of willing and energetic sellers, who all helped to make the day a success. In spite, however, of all the preparations, Marple nearly had no Flag Day, as supplies of everything for "Our Day" had been exhausted in London. Colonel Wainwright, however, as Mayor of Ashton, stepped into the breach, by using his influence in that town, and persuading its Red Cross workers to let us have a supply from their stock.

The indefatigable treasurer for "Our Day" were Colonel Wainwright and Mr. G. Cresswell. They dealt with 5,525 coins, ranging from half-sovereigns to halfpennies, and including 5,007 pennies. We thank them and everyone who contributed in any way to the successful working and result of "Our Day" in Marple.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

CLOSED FOR CLEANING.

On the 31st October, 1914, the first batch of soldiers (12) arrived at Brabyns—the first patient, a seaman from the "Amphion" had come a week previously,—so far the only representative of the many to be sent here. Since then 148 patients have been received, their visits varying in length from a few days to nine or ten months. They have come from all parts of Great Britain, from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and Belgium. With few exceptions, they have left Brabyns fit for discharge on home furlough. In many cases they are again at the front, in some working on other military duties at home, and in a few cases, unfortunately, they have been rendered permanently unfit for military service.

Last week there were thirteen patients here. Two had received their discharge for home furlough, the remaining eleven were too convalescent for an Auxiliary Military Hospital, so the Western General Hospital was applied to for leave to send them to a Convalescent Home, and at the same time to close Brabyns for cleaning purposes. Both requests were very promptly granted; the men left for Colwyn Bay, on the 22nd, and Brabyns will be ready again for thirty patients on November 1st.

It will be readily understood how desirable and even necessary a thorough "spring cleaning" had become, as the hospital has been occupied the whole year, and so the opportunity that now presented itself was too good to be missed. All the indoor staff—including some of the household—have been given a holiday, and warned to be ready at very short notice to take up work again.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

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WOMEN FOR RED CROSS WORK.

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Preparations are complete for the next batch of patients, whenever the authorities are ready to send them. The last ten days have been busy ones in the hospital. Extra expense is naturally entailed with the addition of ten beds, and so a donation from the Marple Bridge Congregationalists, through Mr. Royle, of £8 10s., and one of five guineas from a private donor, were gratefully received.

Master Ronald Fawcett, of Ley Hey Park, invited some children to his home to a magic lantern show, for which a small charge was made, resulting in his bringing six shillings to this hospital. Blankets have been given by Mrs. J. Ferguson, Mrs. Woodmass, and Mrs. Howles, and sheets by Mrs. Bennett. New bed linen, clothing, glass, china, and cutlery are among some of the requirements recently purchased. Gifts of stone or rubber hot water bottles will be gladly received, twelve more being needed.

Several requests having been made for First Aid classes to be held in the evening, it is as well to point out that there is a large afternoon class here, and that evening lectures are about to begin in Marple Bridge. No more will be arranged at present in Marple.

The British Red Cross Society has established a special section of Women's V.A.D.'s for General duty. Those who apply to become members will have three courses open to them:—

1.—To take the place of men now serving in military hospitals at home, as clerks, telephone operators, cooks, etc., the pay for clerks varying from £1 to £1 15s. weekly. Other proposed weekly rates of pay being 30s. for dispensers, 26s. for shorthand typists, 35s. for head cooks, 20s. for cooks, and 18s. 6d. for cleaners. With the exception of cooks, in all cases without food, and in every case including cooks without quarters being found.

2.—Service in France. Expenses are paid from London, also board, lodging and laundry, but no pay given. This is suitable for strong healthy girls under 23, and those who are not qualified for nursing. This work is in hostels and hospitals.

3.—Same as No. 1, applied to military hospitals in France.

Each application will be judged on its merits, the sole aim being to get the best people for the particular work required. Names of applicants should be sent to Mrs. Standing, Ley Hey Park, and Miss Barlow, Woodville, Marple, who, as Commandants of V.A.D.'s will give any further information desired, and forward suitable applications to the County Director. They have full particulars of the scheme as far as it has been settled by headquarters to the present.

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BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Apparently there is at present no lack of accommodation for the wounded in the western command. There are thirty beds at the hospital, and on Wednesday Second Western General Hospital, Manchester, telephoned that six men were being sent on the following day (Thursday). Gifts are being sent in of various kinds, and of great use. Mr. Moss (of Doodfield, Marple) sent a splendid stretcher from Woolley's, Mr. Thomas sent a consignment of coal, five tons; hot water bottles have been received from Mrs. Flowerdew, Mrs. Barlow, and Mrs. McDonald; tablecloth (damask), from Mr. W. Hodgkinson; pillow cases from Mrs. N. Garnett, and blankets from Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Makin, Miss Woodhead, and Mrs. Sinclair.

The wards look very bright now that each bed has a red and white bedspread, chiefly given by the nurses and cooks; Mr. Robert Axon gave four, and completed the number required. A few more hot water bottles are needed; shirts, socks, etc., may always be sent here, as, if not wanted for our patients, they are sent on to sailors, mine-sweepers, and soldiers.

Through Mr. J. Hyde a donation of over two pounds ten shillings was given from the collection at an Oddfellows' service at All Saints' Church.

Hospital patients are not allowed out of doors in winter after six o'clock, and so offers from people to come here and amuse the men by games, music, sketches, lantern entertainments, etc., will be very gratefully accepted.

Brabyn's Military Hospital.

NEW PATIENTS SINCE THE RE-OPENING.

RED CROSS NURSES IN FRANCE.

The first patients to be sent to the above Hospital, since the re-opening, arrived on Thursday, 11th. Their names, ranks, and cases are as follows:—Sergeant J. Lind, R.F.A.; Private S. Croft, 2nd Leicesters, shrapnel wounds; Private H. Cutts, 8th Sherwood Foresters, shock; Private M. Jones, 2nd Welsh Regiment, bronchitis; and Private J. Jenkins, 2nd H.R. Rifles, varicose veins. On 15th two more men arrived, namely, Sergeant T. Thom, 7th S. Stafford, heatstroke (this being the only patient from the Dardanelles), and Corporal R. Kerfoot, R.E., gas poisoning, received at the Hohenzollern Redoubt, where Private Cutts sustained shock. Corporal Kerfoot lived in Strines, and is the only one to be in hospital in his own neighbourhood.

Sergeant Lind and Private Jenkins have been discharged on home furlough.

The War Office regulation for patients to be indoors at five o'clock in winter is no hardship, this severe weather; games are played in the mess-room, where the gramophone is hardly ever silent.

Two of our Red Cross nurses, Miss M. Scholes and Miss M. McLaine, who volunteered for service abroad, have met in France. They are near each other, living under canvas, and write that they like the life very much.

Gifts this week were from Mrs. Hollingworth, Beamsmoor, who sent a donation of 25 (proceeds of a whist drive held in her house, in aid of this hospital; from the Marple Sewing party, pyjamas, pillow cases, and ward shoes; from Mrs. Hepworth, sausages, bedsocks, and cards; from Miss Barlow, gifts for the surgery; and from Miss Burton, bread crumb grater for the kitchen.

The night nurse at present is Miss Barlow, who, with occasional nights off, is taking on the work indefinitely.

As inquiries are sometimes made as to the visiting hours at Brabyns Hospital, it may be as well to state they are daily from 2 to 4 o'clock. No charge is made, but there is a box in the hall.

During the first year of Brabyns as an Auxiliary Military Hospital, the number of beds occupied by patients was 5,526.

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OVER TWENTY PATIENTS.

The patients now number twenty-two, there having been sent sixteen during this week, on three separate days, from Manchester and Stockport Base Hospitals. They are as follow:—Sergt. T. Hall, 1/6 Staffords, explosive b.w. chest and shoulder; Comp. Sergt.-Major H. Geerts, 17th County London, tonsillitis and rheumatism; Pte. F. Burt, 3rd Grenadier G., bomb w. head; Pte. N. Gray, 1/5 W. Yorks, shrapnel w.; Pte. A. Munro, 4th Seaforth's, shrapnel w.; Pte. W. Staves, 68th Welsh Cyclists, synovitis, left knee; Pte. F. Langridge, 4th Rifle Brig., shock, malaria, eyes; Pte. T. Vellenoweth, 8th D. of Cornwall, rheumatism, gastric ulcer; Pte. A. Tomlinson, 3rd Cheshires, dyspepsia after operation; Pte. Wm. Watkinson, 4th Manchesters, scald; Gunner F. Harding, R.F.A., hernia from mule-kick; and Lce.-Corpl. W. Hill, 15th London, bullet w. All the above are home troops, or from France. Lce.-Cpl. T. Forshaw, 6th South Lanes., bullet w.; and Bandsman C. Best, Inniskilling Fus., the same, in both cases received in Gallipoli. Of the two men who arrived on Thursday, beyond the fact that one is a "cot" case, no details are to hand. The men are from as far north as Ullapool in Scotland, and as far west and south as Wales and Cornwall.

ENTERTAINING THE SOLDIERS.

On Saturday afternoon the six patients here went to and enjoyed a football match. On Wednesday afternoon Miss Hudson and Matron took 16 to a lecture given by Miss Thurston, on her nursing adventures in Belgium and Russia after war broke out.

On Thursday the Squire and Mrs. Bradshawe Isherwood very kindly invited some of them to dinner at Marple Hall, and for Saturday next, the 27th, they have accepted an invitation to Mr. Martin's, at Romiley, for the afternoon. It should be made clear that no evening invitations can be accepted. It is not a local order, but holds good in all military and auxiliary hospitals.

During November the Red Cross cook was Miss Murton, sister to Mrs. N. Garnett) assisted by Mrs. Twentyman, when the hospital filled up.

Gifts recently received include thirty bedside linen bags for the patients' small possessions, made by Mrs. E. T. Spenser; bread from Mrs. Rothwell, walking sticks from Miss Rothwell; socks, mufflers, belts, mittens, from Mrs. Standing, Mrs. McNair, Mrs. Fox, and the Misses Fox; magazines from Mr. Howarth, old linen from Mrs. Armitage, Bennett, and Mrs. Middleton Hill; hairbrushes from Mr. Taylor, chemist, and toothbrushes from Mr. Robinson, chemist (who supplies all these as required); five nightshirts (first consignment) from Mrs. F. Barlow, a blanket dressing-gown from, and made by, Mrs. Buck, and ping-pong bats from Mr. Joseph Boyle, who made them on hearing such were needed, for the patients have resumed ping-pong as an indoor game, having enjoyed it out or doors in the summer.

Mrs. Brittain, of Church-lane, had a whist drive in her house, in aid of Brabyns Hospital, by which she realised twenty-three shillings. We are very grateful to her for her kindness and generous help.

Mrs. T. Harrop and Mrs. Heaton give alternate Mondays, Mrs. Andrews Tuesdays, Mrs. Booth Wednesdays, Mrs. Barrow Thursdays, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Bridge Fridays, to the Hospital, by working in the kitchen and scullery—a splendid way of doing their bit, and one much appreciated.

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Brabyn's Military Hospital.

A BELGIAN PATIENT.

Private Cutts, 8th Sherwood Foresters, left on home furlough this week, and the other 21 patients are making good progress; four are in bed altogether for the present. The two latest arrivals are Pte E. Clarke, 11th Northumberland Fusiliers, with bullet wound in his leg, received in France. He came in a motor ambulance on the 27th November. With him came Private O. Dabsalmont, 1ere de ligne belge, suffering from scotiosis. He was wounded fourteen months ago, and, after his recovery, worked in England, on munitions. The wound, however, is again giving trouble, so that he is once more a hospital patient. He has got his discharge from the Belgian army, being permanently disabled.

Magazines and illustrated weeklies will be gratefully received for the use of the men here. The Red Cross secretary will arrange to send for any that can be spared on a post card being sent to her at Springfield, Station-road, Marple.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird have resumed their weekly concerts in the mess-room, and they are most thoroughly enjoyed. Another weekly and equally happy arrangement is a games and music evening, for which Mrs. F. H. Taylor has made herself responsible.

A very useful gift has been made of two dozen rustless knives by Messrs. A. G. O'Neill, of Castle-ton, near Rochdale. Other gifts were vegetables and fruit from Mrs. Fox, cigarettes from Miss Emma Greaves, vegetables from Mr. Dawson, and a pair of woollen gloves from Mrs. Middleton Hill.

From this hospital a parcel of woollen comforts was sent this week to the mine-sweepers, and gratefully received by Admiral Markham.

We wish to thank Mrs. Wardle very much for resuming her weekly work in the laundry, and Mrs. Hall (Stone-row), for helping there when she can spare the time.

Brabyn's Military Hospital

INSPECTION OF THE HOSPITAL.

FIRST-AID EXAMINATION.

The second Western General Hospital (Whitworth-street, Manchester), has arranged to send a medical man to inspect the auxiliary hospitals within its command. The first of such inspections here was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., by Captain Donald, who went through every department with the people in charge. He asked and answered many questions, and addressed the patients in their mess-room. We hope for a good report, as Captain Donald appeared to be pleased with the result of his inspection.

Last Saturday afternoon, twelve of the patients went to Mrs. Hollingsworth's, Beamsmoor, who had invited them to tea and games, which they enjoyed. The men go out in spite of the rain, and are making satisfactory progress—there are twenty-one altogether.

Mr. F. Newton and Mr. Tew are responsible for the attendance of night guards, the former for one-third, and the latter for two-thirds, of each month—Mr. Tew having taken over the share of the Rev. Reid Davies, on his leaving Marple to begin work as an army chaplain.

Dr. Burton, our medical officer in charge, has been appointed by the St. John Ambulance Association to be an instructor of men in First Aid, and by the British Red Cross Society to be an examiner of classes in nursing.

On Wednesday last, the 8th, an examination in First Aid was held in Marple by Dr. Hardman, of Cheadle Hulme, at which many of our Red Cross nurses will, we hope, have gained another certificate. Since August they have done all the night nursing, and find that more work is expected of them as time goes on, owing to the shortage of trained nurses available for small military hospitals. Since Brabyns became a hospital, Mrs. and Miss Wood, greengrocers, of Marple, have washed at home every week for three of the patients beds, a relief to the laundry much valued. For the same period, Mrs. Arnold, Rose Hill, and Mrs. McNair have sent a gift of meat weekly, in addition to that given by Mr. Arnall and Mr. Sharples, butchers.

Gifts received include magazines and illustrated papers from Mrs. Greaves and Mrs. Fox; woollen gloves from Mrs. Armitage Bennett; gramophone records from Mr. Isherwood Bagshawe; chicken from Mrs. Hepworth, cigarettes from Father Pollen (Romiley), tobacco from Mr. B. Williams (gardener at Oakwood Hall), pillow cases from Mrs. Albert, bedspread from Mrs. Sutcliffe, apples and cake from Mrs. McKenzie, thirty-two bottles of fruit from Mrs. Garnett (home done), and from the Marple Sewing Party pyjamas, a dressing gown, a bed jacket, bed stockings, felt slippers, and many tail bandages.

Mr. Falconer, Hollins-lane, sent a donation of 15s. from the sale of a pie he had made—for all above many thanks.



Colonel Westmacott stirring the Christmas pudding at Whitworth-street Military Hospital, Manchester.



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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS ASSURED.

Two men left on home furlough on 14th, and two more were sent the same day. The departures were Private A. Tomlinson, 3rd Cheshires; and Private W. Staves, 68th Welsh Cyclists. The arrivals were—Private J. Servey, 1/7 Manchester, bronchitis; and Lance-Corporal Hartley, 1/6 Manchester, suffering from mitral incompetence. Both have taken part in the fighting in Gallipoli, and have been in hospital at Netley and Cairo before coming here. Lance-Corporal Hartley's home is at Marple Bridge.

On Wednesday afternoon the patients went to a cinematograph entertainment, in the Shepley Hall. Mr. Marsh had very kindly invited them to see some special films of Belgium in ruins, in addition to the regular programme. The films shown were very good indeed.

Mrs. Barlow invited all the patients to tea and games on Thursday afternoon, which they very much enjoyed.

Preparations are being made to ensure the Brabyns patients having a very happy Christmas, which they well deserve, after their experiences at the front.

The gifts received include one guinea from Dr. R. S. Hardman (Cheadle Hulme), the honorary examiner at the Red Cross examination, a week ago; bread from Mrs. Cooke, Brabyns Farm; vegetables from Mr. Dawson, brawn from Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Somers, and cake from St. Martin's Vicarage.

Mr. Robinson, chemist, in addition to his usual gifts, is making no charge for all the boric lint used during this month in the Hospital. We are very grateful to him, as much of this is always required.

The Red Cross cooks for the last fortnight were Mrs. Stafford (Mellor), Mrs. Woodhouse (Ludworth), Mrs. Lintott, and Miss Syddall (Romiley). The last-named lived at the hospital, and cooked for two weeks, Sundays being excepted.

EXAMINATION RESULT.

Fifty-seven pupils attended regularly Dr. Tierney's lectures on First Aid. Of this number forty-nine took the examination on 8th December, which only five failed to pass. The highest marks attainable were a hundred; the marks received by the successful candidates varied from 52 (for a first attempt), to 98 (for a third attempt). The names of those who passed are as follow:—Mesdames Baerlein (High Lane), Dickson, Farrow, Gibbon, Hewitt, Haynes, Jackson, Lintott, Standing, Sutcliffe, and F. H. Taylor.

The Misses M. Barlow, H. and N. Brocklehurst, D. Bowden, Buck, Cresswell, Edwards, E. C. Furniss, Greenwell (Poynton), E. and M. Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hodgkinson, M. E. and D. Hargreaves, Kay, Kershaw, Knoop, Lathom, Merchant, M. Newton, D. Plant, Pickford, Sewell, Sinclair, S. Kerritt, Taylor, Wallwork, G. Wainwright, and Watkinson.

The Messrs. H. Boyle and H. Haynes.

There being no men's V.A.D. in Marple, the two last-named have applied to Stockport to be made members of some V.A.D. in Cheshire.

Brabyns Military Hospital

The accounts of the hospital for one year's working have been audited by Mr. J. Parker Smith (hon. auditor). They show the total receipts to have been £966 1s. 2d. from all sources, and the balance in hand to be £395. The average inclusive cost per patient per day is 3s. 0d.—a very low figure, which is perhaps chiefly explained by the fact that Brabyns is an occupied house turned into a hospital, with many of the running expenses paid for by the owner, who has placed her staff and much material equipment at the entire disposal of the hospital. To form a true estimate of cost will not be possible, owing to the above, and to the unceasing gifts in kind which so greatly supplements the money received in donations and regular subscriptions. Full particulars of receipts and payments will be given in a later issue. Christmas promises to be a happy time, and we only regret we shall not have thirty patients to enjoy it, there being twenty here only—Gunner J. Harding, R.F.A., having left for home furlough on Thursday. The following presents have been received for Christmas: Thirty boxes of chocolate from Messrs. Cadbury Brothers, Bourneville; six beautifully designed and illustrated copies of "Bibby's Annual" from Messrs. J. Bibby and Sons, Liverpool; a picture almanac from "Abdulla" Cigarette makers; plum pudding, fruit and cigarettes from Mrs. W. Jones; a case of Newtown pippins from Mr. and Mrs. G. Lenthall; two turkeys and fobs. of sausage from Mrs. F. Barlow; one turkey and 3lbs. of sausage from Mrs. T. Mills, Stockport (who is sending a similar gift at the New Year); two large meat pies and twenty-four mince pies from Mrs. J. E. Robinson; plum pudding and cake from Mrs. Middleton Hill; two plum puddings from Mrs. F. Sugden; oranges from the Misses Winifred and Mollie Shand; cake from Misses wheeldon, cake from Mrs. Sankey, from "R. M.", 21, Church-lane, plum pudding; from Mrs. J. McNab, a hundred and fifty oranges; from Miss Cresswell, fruit; and fruit from "Anon." Mrs. Blood, Hollins-lane, sent fruit for the indoor staff, who also had a Christmas cake sent them.

Gifts not specially for Christmas are bread from Mrs. Rothwell, vegetables from Mr. Dawson, cardigan and socks from Mrs. Middleton Hill, muffler from Mrs. Armitage Bennett, towels from Miss Barlow, petroleum emulsion from Nurse Kay, and a donation of £1 from Nurse Hargreaves.

At the opening of a new billiard table in the Mellor Conservative and Unionist Club, a collection for the hospital was made; 15s. was realised, and sent by Mr. J. Heaton (hon. secretary).

From Marple Dale Farm Colony, where a collection was made, Mrs. Field sent 20s.

On Wednesday afternoon, some of the patients went to a performance in the Girls' Institute, given by the pupils of Miss Richardson. They enjoyed the two plays very much, especially the Japanese one, and afterwards two of the soldiers were asked to collect from the audience for the Cripples' Home.

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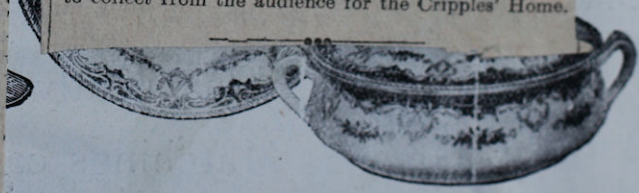
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Brabyns Military Hospital.

DR. TIERNEY'S MILITARY APPOINTMENT.

We have received the following relating to the above hospital:

"Dr. Tierney, one of our medical officers, has been appointed by the War Office to be a lieutenant in the A.M.C., the appointment dating from January 3rd, when he reports himself at Chester. For fifteen months Dr. Tierney has been in constant attendance on the patients here allotted to his care, and will be much missed. However, he very thoughtfully proposed a successor in Dr. Storey, who has kindly consented to take his place. Dr. Tierney will also be missed by our Red Cross nurses as a very interesting lecturer on home nursing and first aid. Again, a successor has fortunately been found, as Dr. Burton (medical officer in charge) has offered his services for this work.

"Some misapprehension appears to have arisen owing to Nurse Wardle having become lady superintendent of a Voluntary Aid Detachment. By some people this has been understood to mean that she has a post in the hospital. The impression is quite erroneous, as there is no connection between the two.

"On Christmas Eve, Bandsman C. Best left on home furlough, so that there were nineteen patients to enjoy the Christmas cheer and entertainments so generously provided by friends.

"Gifts received include turkey and sausages from Mr. and Mrs. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. Shand, and Mrs. Mills respectively; chocolates from Mrs. Greaves and Mr. and Mrs. Penny; Turkish delight from Nurse Sewell, oranges from Nurse Pott, plum pudding from 'Daily News,' per Mr. Ward; large Christmas cakes from Rev. and Mrs. Hickson, Miss Reece, and Mr. Jubb; 26 pounds of jam and a large cake from Mrs. Baird, cigars and mince meat from Mrs. Greaves, Stilton cheese from Mrs. J. H. Burgess, cigarettes from the matron, walking sticks from Mrs. Bird, magazines, handkerchiefs (24), and sticks from Mrs. G. Lenthall; and dessert apples and seven pounds of jam from Mrs. Scott.

"On Christmas Eve the patients hung up their 'stockings,' and were not disappointed, for Father Christmas had filled them while they slept.

"Miss Glover very kindly took night duty for Christmas week, and superintended the work of the Red Cross nurses for three days, thereby enabling the matron to have a brief holiday.

"The Ladies' Territorial Committee ask for old suede and kid gloves for making into waistcoats for soldiers at the front. A supply has been sent by Miss Hudson and gratefully acknowledged. More will be forwarded by her if they are sent to Brabyns for the 'Glove Waistcoat Fund.'"

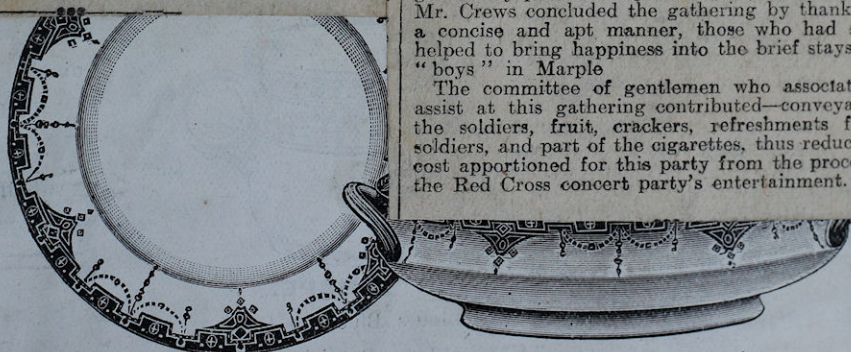
Soldiers' Christmas Party at Marple.

On Tuesday last, the soldiers at Brabyns Military Hospital were entertained to dinner, as already reported. They were conveyed from the hall in taxis, and arrived full of expectancy and good spirits. The tables were tastefully decorated, yellow, white, and silver predominating. The good ladies who were responsible for this, also lent their services in waiting upon the "boys" at dinner and their assiduity and gaiety was very transparently appreciated by the soldiers. Mrs. Mills provided a substantial meal of many varied items, which was attacked with characteristic zest. After the meal "The King" was toasted, and received with the fervour associated with our fighters, cigars were passed round, and the "crackers" exploded, the artistic contents of which adorned each head, culminating in a grotesque and hilarious scene. The rest of the evening was spent in song and jest.

The musical entertainment was somewhat dislocated, through unavoidable reasons. The artistes were Messrs. Ward (Manchester), Winterbottom (Ashton), Crews, Fletcher, Falconer, Hough, Britain, Walter, and Lawrence, all of whom gave admirable "turns." Two films were thrown on the screen, which provoked much amusement. Councillor Pott (president) proposed "Our Soldier Guests," with fervency, and with most appropriate phraseology. This toast was responded to by Company-sergeant-major Geerts, whose sincere and manly expressions were greatly admired. He said that Marple good folks had made life very bright whilst at Brabyns Hospital, and the hospitality and kindly thought they all had received would be a lasting memory, and be a subject for pleasant thoughts when they returned to their posts abroad. Gifts were then distributed, each soldier receiving one; they consisted of useful articles, purchased by the following gentlemen: Dr. Tierney, Messrs. H. C. Cross, G. Everatt, F. Hague, J. Porter, Councillor Pott, N. Dean, J. Flinn, J. Campbell Gray, Dr. Knecht, E. Howles, H. Bull (Mellor), J. Dean (Mellor), W. Barratt, and F. Wilson. Applause was dispensed according to the popularity of the recipient, but the most popular presentations were a silk muffler to the kindly, decorous butler at the hall (Mr. Manley), whose services to all who enter therein are well-known; a similar gift was made to the idol of all soldiers housed at Brabyns — the gentle, lovable Harold Boyle, who was very appropriately addressed by the chairman as "Miss" Harold. Each soldier received a box of cigarettes, also a writing pad, generously presented by Mr. Gates, of Bowden-lane. Mr. Crews concluded the gathering by thanking, in a concise and apt manner, those who had so ably helped to bring happiness into the brief stays of the "boys" in Marple.

The committee of gentlemen who associated to assist at this gathering contributed—conveyance of the soldiers, fruit, crackers, refreshments for the soldiers, and part of the cigarettes, thus reducing the cost apportioned for this party from the proceeds of the Red Cross concert party's entertainment.

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SPEECH BY LORD NEWTON.

REMARKABLE FIGURES.

The High Lane Orchestral Society, of which the president is Mr. Bernard Heape, and the vice-president Mr. Samuel Hunt, gave a concert on Saturday night, in Disley Church Schools, in aid of the Red Cross Hospital, "Harewood." Very probably, indeed almost certainly, owing to the inclement weather, the room was by no means crowded. It was not an inviting kind of night for people to walk all the way from the High Lane District to Disley. The roads were muddy, and at the time for the concert to begin, the sky was overcast and dark. Later the moon shed her inconstant and uncertain light, but it was too late then for the long walk to Disley. Although, however, the room was not as full as the promoters would have liked, there was a fair attendance under all the circumstances, and whilst, from the musical point of view, the concert was a distinct success, it is probable, too, that the funds of the hospital will benefit appreciably by the effort. The Right Hon. Lord Newton, whose prominence in recent debates in the House of Lords has greatly enhanced his reputation, was present with some members of his family. The artistes whose services had been secured to assist the orchestra, or to furnish variety to the programme, comprised Mr. J. Brierley, solo violinist; Miss E. M. Hodgkinson, of Poynton Towers, soprano; Gunner Sam Beeley, baritone, of the Royal Garrison Artillery; Mr. Anthony Wood, humorist, of Stockport; and Mr. Percival Jolly, accompanist.

The High Lane Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Wm. Griffin, consisted of twenty performers, including:—1st violins: Mr. J. Brierley, leader; Mr. J. Marsden, Mrs. Woods, Miss Entwistle, Mr. W. Bennison; 2nd violins: Mr. H. Hallworth, Miss Fletcher, Mr. E. Williams, Mrs. Swallow; violas: Mr. G. Fletcher, Mr. J. Bennison; violin cellos: Mr. W. J. Ridgway, Mr. F. Wardle; contra bass, Mr. J. Pixton; oboe, Mr. J. Bryce; flute and piccolo, Mr. C. Bennett and Mr. W. Green; clarinets: Mr. C. H. Green, Mr. C. Morley, Mr. H. Hallworth; bassoon, Mr. A. Wilson; cornets: Mr. H. Williams, Mr. F. Barrow, Mr. J. Wardle, timpani, Mr. D. Hallworth. Other officials of the society are Mr. F. Bridge, librarian; and Miss M. E. Hallworth, of Ivy Cottage, High Lane, hon. financial secretary.

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Mr. Isherwood's three sons, it is interesting to note, bear the same Christian names as the three brothers who were so famous in the early sixteenth century. The eldest son is Mr. Henry Isherwood Bagshawe (he married Miss Bagshawe, of Ford Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, and changed his surname by deed poll), the second is the late Colonel Frank, and third is Mr. Jack Isherwood, who is following the legal profession, like his great forebear, the famous judge, for he is a barister at Somerset House.

THE FAMOUS BRADSHAW'S. HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE FAMILY.

The great part played by Col. Isherwood in this war, and the glory which will surround his name, brings to mind the great deeds done, and the honour won, by a famous soldier, Col. Henry Bradshawe, in the Civil War. We are obliged to Councillor Tom Middleton, author of "Annals of Hyde," for permission to reproduce certain portions of the chapter dealing with a historical sketch of this famous family, perhaps the most illustrious in Cheshire in the early sixteenth century.

King of the manor houses of the district is the fine old hall of Marple. None who have once gazed on its ivied front, with the tiny, old-fashioned windows peeping shyly through the leaves, the pointed gables, and the mullioned stone, can ever forget its beauty; nor can they avoid linking with it that chain of old romance which legend has attached to it, and which certainly should flourish within the shadow of its walls.

Standing on a bold commanding rock, overlooking the rich vale through which the rover Goyt meanders, the old hall is the most striking object in the whole landscape. It is just a perfect "picture in stone and leaf," and approaching it along the drive that runs through the park (thick with its fine old trees), one calls instantly to mind the beautiful poem of Mrs. Hemans, as applicable to this "stately home of England."

Built on the site of,—or rather growing from—a half-timbered house, that once occupied its present position, and added to on at least two occasions, the hall now stands in its own ornamental grounds, divided from the open park by a high stone wall. The main front, which is mantled with ivy, is surmounted by gables and stone finials, and has long narrow windows with stone mullions. Part of it is of a more modern style than the rest, the windows being loftier, and the general tone of the architecture showing evidences of a later date. The remains of a low tower are prominent in the centre of the main front, on the top of which is a small terrace enclosed in railings, that commands a fine and extensive view. Adjoining are the stables and offices, quaint and interesting as the hall itself. They are built of stone of a dull reddish colour, with embattled gables, and rising from them is an old clock tower,

square, surmounted with four gables, and having in the centre a ruined lantern turret. They were erected by Henry Bradshawe, the nephew of the famous judge, and bear the initials of himself and his wife, with the date 1669. The date of the original building of the hall is not known, but it appears to have been much earlier than the year quoted above. Marple Hall has been the seat of the Bradshawes, and their descendants, the Isherwoods, for at least 300 years, and most probably was the home of some of the earlier lords of Marple.

The interior of the building is quite as attractive as the exterior, and well deserves a visit of inspection. The entrance hall, dimly lighted by stained glass windows, and suggestive of the ghostly memories that legend connects with it, contains suits of armour, ancient weapons, old oak furniture and some paintings. There are many pieces of richly carved oak in different parts of the hall, and there is (or was recently) a massive oak bedstead brought from Wybersley, and said to have belonged to Judge Bradshawe in his younger days.

is closely connected by tradition with the stern and famous sentencer of the King, and the old tale runs that on the stained glass of one window the following prophetic verse was written in early life by the future judge.

My brother Harry must heir the land,
My brother Frank must be at his command,
While I, poor Jack, will do that
Which all the world shall wonder at.

How Bradshawe accomplished this prophecy, is it not set down in glaring characters in the book of the chronicles of the Kings of England?

It is rather difficult to determine what connection the Bradshawes had with Marple prior to the 16th century. Henry Bradshawe, the grandfather of the judge, resided there in 1578. He was who purchased Wibersley and Marple from the Stanleys, in whose hands the estates of Marple had passed, by marriage, from the original lords—the Vernons of Haddon.

Henry Bradshawe, son of the above Henry, first lived at Wybersley, and was married at Stockport Church, in 1593, to Catherine Winnington, of Offerton Hall. Of their four sons, two became famous in the after history of their country.

Henry, the second son (who ultimately became heir on the early death of his elder brother), was the well-known Colonel Bradshawe, and was born at Wybersley, on the 23rd of January, 1601. He took a most active part in the Civil War, serving first as Sergeant-Major in Colonel Dukinfield's regiment, and afterwards as Lieutenant-Colonel under Colonel Ashton. He commanded a detachment at the battle of Worcester, fought on September 23rd, 1651, and was wounded whilst leading on his men. In 1651 Cromwell made him a member of the Court Martial for the trial of the Earl of Derby. Three years later, on the death of his father, he removed to Marple Hall, and erected a considerable portion of the present building. After the Restoration he was arrested (along with Colonel Dukinfield and others) for the part he had taken in respect to the execution of Lord Derby, but, like the rest, was after a time liberated.

The third son of Henry Bradshawe and Catherine Winnington was the world-renowned Judge Bradshawe, who became distinguished as the President of the tribunal which condemned King Charles I. to death. Bradshawe also signed the death warrant of the King.

It is interesting to note Bradshawe's conduct during the great trial. After several preliminary meetings the High Court of Justice sat on the 20th of January in Westminster Hall. Bradshawe, dressed in plain black, occupied a crimson velvet chair set in the middle of the court, and was supported by the members of the court, seated on chairs on each side of him. "The King, on being brought in the court, cast a stern look at the officers and the people in the gallery, and then seated himself without removing his hat or showing the least respect to the court. He then stood up again, and, turning round, looked at the guards and the multitude of spectators. Bradshawe then acquainted him with the purpose of the court, and, amid frequent interruptions from His Majesty, the charge was read over. When the Clerk came to the words declaring 'Charles Stuart to be a tyrant and a traitor,' the King laughed in the face of the court." The first sitting was occupied by a lengthy dispute between the King and Bradshawe, concerning the authority of the court, which Charles refused to acknowledge. For several days this prolonged dispute between the two continued, and it was not until the 27th of January that the court met for the last time, when Bradshawe, clad in his scarlet robes, and surrounded by a guard of armed soldiers, prepared for the final scene. When silence had been secured, the Lord President delivered a long and bitter address in justification of the sentence he was about to pronounce, angrily refusing to hear the interruptions which the King frequently sought to make. The sentence having been pronounced—one of death—the following short and final passage between the victim and the judge took place:—

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Having dismissed the Long Parliament on his own authority, Cromwell went down to the court, with the intention of breaking it up, and having entered the chamber, said: "Gentlemen, if you are met here as private persons you shall not be molested, but if as a Council of State, this is no place for you; since you cannot but know what was done in this House this morning, so take notice that the Parliament is dissolved."

To this Bradshawe fearlessly answered: "Sir, we have heard what you did at the House this morning, and before many hours are over all England will hear of it; but, sir, you are mistaken to think that Parliament is dissolved, for no power under heaven can dissolve it but itself. Therefore, take you notice of that."

In the middle of the 18th century, the male line of the Bradshawes becoming extinct, the estates reverted to the descendants of Mary Bradshawe, who, as a second union, had married Nathaniel Isherwood. From this marriage springs the present respected family of Bradshawe Isherwood, who now hold possession of the estates and dwell at Marple Hall. Mr. Joel Wainwright, in his "Memoirs of Marple," gives a good account of the late Mrs. Ellen Bradshawe-Isherwood, a lady highly esteemed for her many benefactions to the neighbourhood.

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Marple Officer's Heroic Conduct.

LIEUT. A. RHODES' HISTORIC STAND.

On Friday, May 21st, 1915, Second-Lieutenant Arthur Rhodes, of the 7th Durham Light Infantry, was instructed to occupy with his platoon about 130 yards of an old trench on the British Front near Bellerwarder Farm, close to Ypres, which had been partially destroyed by shell fire, and had no barbed wire entanglements. Next on his right was another Platoon of "B" Company of the 7th Durhams, under 2nd-Lieutenant Pickersgill, but Lieutenant Rhodes, as senior officer, had control of both platoons. On their right the Third Royal Fusiliers held the trench, and on Lieutenant Rhodes's left, which was flanked by the Ypres-Roulers Railway, the West Middlesex were placed, the railway lying between them and the Durham Light Infantry. The occupation of the old trench was intended to be temporary whilst a new British front line trench, about 250 to 300 yards, was being completed. The second line trenches were some



Lieut. Arthur Rhodes.

300 yards further still in the rear. The new trench was ready for use on Whit-Sunday, May 23rd, and it was then intended that the troops holding the old trench should withdraw to it at midnight. Orders were issued to the West Middlesex and the Royal Fusiliers on the left and right of the Durham platoons respectively to this effect, but by someone's neglect of duty no such orders were transmitted to the Durhams. It became known to Lieutenant Rhodes, in the course of Whit-Sunday evening, that the West Middlesex had received their orders to retire at midnight. This would leave his left flank exposed.

Being unable to obtain any orders, Lieut. Rhodes at half-past ten o'clock sent Private Raw (who volunteered for the task), to the rear to ask for instructions. Raw, in getting to the rear, had to retire across an open field, as there were no communication trenches between the trench they were holding

"I should just like to say what splendid courage he showed whilst commanding our Platoon, never taking a thought for himself, and the safety of his own men. It may interest you to know that the last action which I saw Mr. Rhodes perform before leaving the trench was to bring about the end of a German sniper. He noticed this German crawling down the side of the railway towards our trenches, and borrowing a rifle from one of the men he made short work of the German."

Private Blanchflower another member of the Platoon who was badly wounded and taken prisoner and subsequently returned to England, December, 1915, also wrote:—

"Your son stuck to his position as only an Englishman can, and the last I saw of him he was standing on the top of the trench firing at the oncoming Germans."

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Lieut. Arthur Rhodes.

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Being unable to obtain any orders, Lieut. Rhodes at half-past ten o'clock sent Private Raw (who volunteered for the task), to the rear to ask for instructions. Raw, in getting to the rear, had to retire across an open field, as there were no communication trenches between the trench they were holding and the reserve trenches, and was wounded. He, also, was unable to get instructions, and returned to report this to Lieut. Rhodes.

At midnight the West Middlesex and the Royal Fusiliers retired in accordance with their orders, and the two Durham Light Infantry platoons were left in a very unenviable position; in a half-ruined trench up to their waists in water (as it rained very heavily), no barbed wire entanglements, no machine guns, no periscopes, both flanks exposed, and no communication trenches, with their reserve trenches, and to crown all they were shelled all night long by our own artillery, though Lieutenant Rhodes sent two men to the rear to inform them of the fact that the Durham Platoons were still holding this portion of the line. At 12-30 the Germans commenced attacking the trench held by the Durhams, and at the same time they occupied the trench vacated by the West Middlesex. Between then and 4 a.m. three attacks were made by the Germans, and all were repulsed. Lieutenant Rhodes displayed the greatest determination. From all accounts his coolness and courage were of the highest order.

Private Raw, who was next to him in the trench, says that after the second attack was driven off he jumped about in great glee, like a schoolboy, slapped Raw on the back, and said "That was d—d good, wasn't it, Raw?" Another of his men, Private Seaman, told the hospital nurses at North Walsham (where he lay wounded for many weeks) that he had never seen Mr. Rhodes equal for courage, coolness and daring amongst officers, particularly on that day. Lance Corporal Sands (now Lieutenant Sands of the Wiltshire Regiment) another of his wounded men who escaped wrote:—

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His last sight of Lieut. Rhodes was that he was lying on the railway embankment with 20 or 30 Germans lying on either side of him. They had come over the railway and cut off his retreat.

Just after Lieut. Rhodes had sat down on the embankment Raw saw Lance-Corporal Sands run to him and speak to him. Sands has stated that he said to Lieut. Rhodes, "Are you feeling worse, Sir?" alluding to the fact that he was reclining on the embankment. The reply was "No, push on! push on!" meaning that Sands should make his escape. The latter ran down the embankment and then across the line. There he was injured by a shell on the head and the ankle, but with assistance reached the reserve trench in safety.

Lieut. Rhodes could probably have escaped also, and there is little doubt that he deliberately remained behind to share the fate of his men whatever it might be. He would not retire until he saw the bulk of them in safety. He sent a message to his Colonel by Private Morrell who spoke to him as he lay on the embankment to the effect that he was afraid he was "done in." He was at this time watching the movements of Sergt. Hauxwell and the men with him who were all as a matter of fact later reported missing. Of the men forming his platoon only twelve, mostly badly wounded, reached the reserve trenches, the rest were either killed or are reported missing and have never been heard from with the exception of half a dozen wounded men who were left in the trenches. These last only have been reported by the Germans as prisoners and been allowed to write home.

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GOOD NEWS RECEIVED BY THE PARENTS.

Full particulars have appeared in our columns on this matter. Lieut. Rhodes took part in the fighting at or about the end of April, at Ypres. The



2nd LIEUT. ARTHUR RHODES.

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The anxiety of his parents is now relieved. All forebodings are disposed of. The Lieutenant is "safe," though a prisoner.

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MARPLE OFFICER KILLED.

LIEUT. BERNARD H. HARTLEY.

One more has to be added to the list of bright, young lives belonging to Marple sacrificed to the war. We refer to Lieutenant Bernard H. Hartley, son and only child of Mrs. Hartley, of Ashleigh, Stockport-road, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Hartley, who was engaged in the cotton trade in Petrograd, and sister of Mrs. Budenberg, of Somerville, Arkwright-road, Marple.

On Tuesday, a telegram was received from the authorities containing the ominous message that the lieutenant was missing. On Wednesday afternoon, came a later telegram conveying the intelligence, which, being definite put an end to all racking suspense worse than certainty, that he had been killed.

The Lieutenant, who was in the 20th Lancashires, was only 21 years old. He looked younger even than his years, comparatively few as they were, his fine, eager, alert, and kindly face being familiar in Marple, and gaining its happy owner an entry into the affectionate regard of all with whom he came in contact.

The young officer had completed his scholastic training at Clifton College, and it was intended that he should become associated with his late father's cotton mill's business in the Russian capital, which has been carried on by other members of the Hartley family, since the death of the head of the firm.

The sympathy of all our readers in Marple, as well as outside, will go out to the widowed mother, now doubly bereaved by the inconsolable blow. Mrs. Hartley is pretty well-known, as she interests herself in public institutions, whose foundations and functions have kindly and philanthropic intentions, and she is greatly esteemed by all those who have come into association with her.

LIEUT. HODGKINSON'S LETTER.

The following is a copy (with one or two sentences, too intimate to be given, eliminated), of the letter which Lieutenant Hartley's mother received on Monday morning from his friend and comrade-in-arms, Lieutenant Hodgkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson of Poynton Towers:—

5th November, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Hartley,—I hardly like to commence this letter, as it contains such very sad news for you. Poor Bernard has passed away from us all. I know how you will feel it . . . but I ask you not to grieve, as he died in the best manner possible

Fighting for His Country.

I cannot tell you how much I feel it myself, especially as our friendship seemed a great deal more real since we have been out here together. I went up into the front line to make inquiries, as I heard this morning that he was missing. He evidently went into No Man's Land with a corporal, just as the sun was setting. After leaving the trench, he told the corporal to wait, as he intended finding out certain things. If he had been successful, he would most probably have brought back most useful information, so you see he did not throw away his life for nothing. He did not return, and a search party was sent out to attempt to find him, but they were unsuccessful. We hoped that he was a prisoner and in safety, but morning revealed him lying just near the German trenches. Nobody could tell how he got there, as there were all kinds of obstacles including barbed wire, between us and them. We could not see his face, but he was only 40 yards away, and, unfortunately, identification was not difficult. As much as I should like to tell you that there was still hope, I am very sorry to say I cannot, as we were all



Lieut. B. Hartley,
Marple.—Killed.

Near the German Lines

that it was impossible to bring in the body, but to night I have no doubt he will be taken in by the other side, and laid to rest in just as beautiful a spot as if he were buried by us. . . . He could not have died in a more honourable way. . . .—I remain, always very sincerely yours, C. W. HODGKINSON."

The full letter, it will be seen, practically confirms our summary, written before we copied it. Lieutenant Hartley was most enthusiastic in his work and had been most active in attempting to raid the enemy trenches.

We shall give next week a photo of the late lieutenant, courteously sent to us for reproduction.

Lieutenant Hartley, who received his preliminary education at Wadham House School, Hale, enlisted on the 1st of February, 1915, in the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps, and received his commission on the 4th of June.

The Late Lieut. Bernard Hartley.

LETTER FROM THE LIEUT. COLONEL.

The following additional correspondence has been received by Mrs. Hartley, of Ashleigh, Marple, respecting her son, Lieut. Bernard H. Hartley, who, as we reported last week, was killed whilst on reconnaissance duty on the 4th inst., and whose photo we give in this issue:—
From Lieut. Col. E. Vaughan, 6-11-16.

Dear Mrs. Hartley,—It is with deepest regret that I write to you about the loss of your gallant son. The following are the facts as far as I have been able to gather. On the afternoon of the 4th, he went out, accompanied by a N.C.O. towards the German line to inspect some old trenches. They reached a safe place from which to observe, and remained there for some time. Then your son ordered the N.C.O. to remain where he was, and went forward himself apparently with a view to obtain information. He was under observation from our trenches and from the N.C.O. for some time, and was last seen, as the light faded, to move behind a wall. At 7 p.m. a recall signal to all patrols was sent up, and the N.C.O. who had remained as ordered, returned to our trenches, expecting your son had got back by another route. On finding he had not returned, he went out again with another N.C.O. to endeavour to find your son, and returned about 8-30, having been bombed by the enemy near the place where they had last seen your son. They again went out by another route, returning at 9-30 without having seen any trace of him. The ground was very rough and difficult, and heavily wired, and these men did everything possible, and I consider had a very fortunate escape from being hit. Next morning the body of your son was seen in the German wire, and I think he must have been killed at the time the search party was bombed, but on this point I have no definite information.

His death is a great loss to us, and I always appreciated his fine courage and keen spirit, and his good soldierly qualities. I can only offer you the deepest sympathy from myself and my officers in your grievous loss. Believe me, yours sincerely, E. Vaughan, Lt. Col. Comd. 20th Lincs. Fusiliers.

Extract from his Captain's letter:—
"It has come as a terrible blow to me, for I loved him, and when he came to my company I was overjoyed. He was always so bright and cheerful, and the men simply loved him. He did not know what fear meant, and was always ready and willing to do more than was required of him. . . . I want you to know that your son never once failed in his duty."

Late Lieut. B. H. Hartley, of Marple.

Memorial Tablet Unveiled at All Saints'.



Lieut. B. H. Hartley.

On Thursday afternoon a mural tablet erected in All Saints' Church, Marple, by Mrs. Hartley, to the memory of her brave son, Lieut. Bernard H. Hartley, who was killed while on reconnoitering duty last year, was unveiled by his cousin, Second-Lieut. Donald Budenberg, home on leave from France, after being in France for eight months.

The following particulars anent the late Lieut. Hartley, culled from the "North Cheshire Herald," are taken from Mr. John Hyde's "Marple Almanac Guide" for 1917, printed at the "Herald" Office:—

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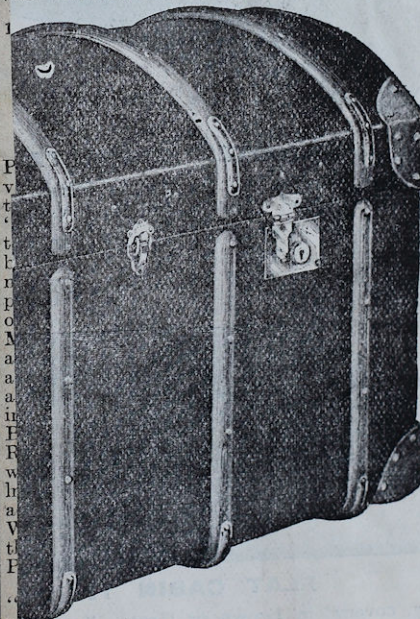
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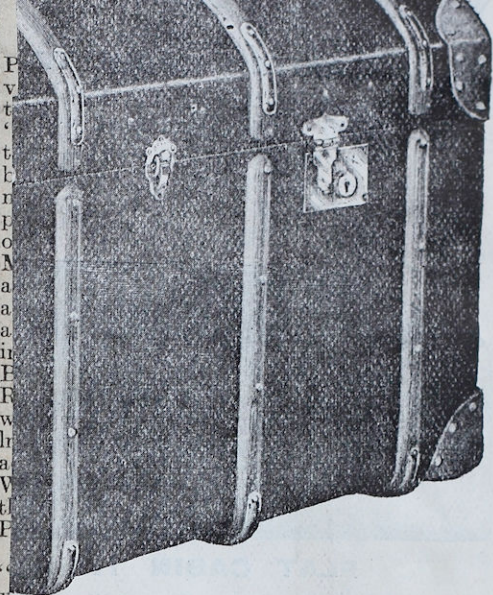
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Canon Adams, in asking Lieut. Donald Budenberg to uncover the tablet, said: Lieut. Bernard Hartley was a brave soldier, a Christian soldier.

The tablet was then unveiled. The following is the inscription:

"To the glory of God and the memory of Bernard Harold Hartley, Lieut. 20th Batt., Lancashire Fusiliers, late of Clifton College, killed whilst alone on night patrol near Arras, France, on the 4th day of Nov., 1916, in his 22nd year. "Clifton, Remember this thy son, who fell fighting far over sea; For he in a dark hour remembered well his welfare is to Thee."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, and a finale to the service, Mr. Tew played most impressively Beethoven's Funeral march.



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Lance-Corporal W. A. Stott, of Marple SITES

The flags at the Council Offices and the Liberal Club at Marple have been at half-mast since last week-end, as symbols of mourning for the death of Lance-Corporal W. A. Stott, son of Mr. J. H. Stott and Mrs. Stott, of Manor Hill, Station-road, of whose death on the battlefield news has been received, to the great grief not only of the very numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stott, both of whom are so well-known and so highly respected, but to the whole of the community in Marple village and Marple district.



Lance-Corporal W. A. STOTT.

The following deeply moving communications have been courteously supplied to us by the grief-stricken father of the gallant young soldier. They speak for themselves, and possess peculiar and special pathos:—

"Lance-Corporal W. A. Stott,
1-5th Manchesters (attached to
11th Manchesters).
Short letter written and signed by him, and
dated August 15th, 1917.

"I 'did my duty,
Fought a good fight,
But God wills it,
So I go willingly."

"Comrade,—In the event of my death, will
finder of this wallet and its contents respect
a dead man's wish, and return same to Miss
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W. A. Stott,
August 15, 1917.

Copy of letter written by Chaplain on reverse side of letter:—

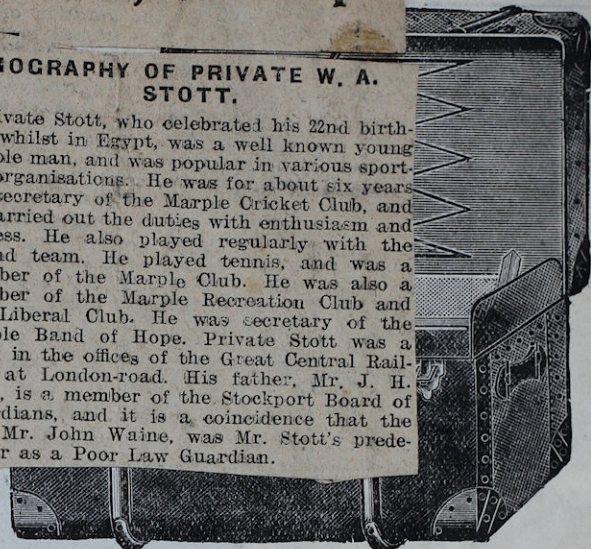
"My dear Miss _____

Be strong and very courageous. I loved him, too, and I was proud to know him. He is in Heaven now, and near you. Those who survived lived in conditions of horror—dreadful beyond words. His end came soon, and he did not suffer long. I have his wallet to send you as soon as I get your reply. I can't write at length now; it would seem sacrilege, but I should like to write again soon. I prepared him for confirmation, so he is specially dear to me, his 'Padre.' Do be brave, as he would wish, and as he was. God is good and kind. Your boy was a prince among men, and he has done a Princely thing—the thing God Himself did—laid down his life for others, and for those he loved. God bless you, and fill your heart with sweetness and calm.—Yours very sincerely,
JOHN REAY, C.O."

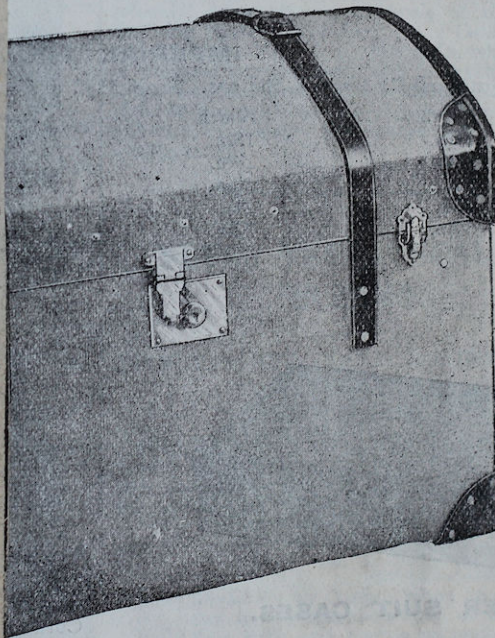
Mr. J. H. Stott, the father, has written out the chaplain for all particulars.

BIOGRAPHY OF PRIVATE W. A. STOTT.

Private Stott, who celebrated his 22nd birthday whilst in Egypt, was a well known young Marple man, and was popular in various sporting organisations. He was for about six years the secretary of the Marple Cricket Club, and he carried out the duties with enthusiasm and success. He also played regularly with the second team. He played tennis, and was a member of the Marple Club. He was also a member of the Marple Recreation Club and the Liberal Club. He was secretary of the Marple Band of Hope. Private Stott was a clerk in the offices of the Great Central Railway at London-road. His father, Mr. J. H. Stott, is a member of the Stockport Board of Guardians, and it is a coincidence that the late Mr. John Waine, was Mr. Stott's predecessor as a Poor Law Guardian.



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THE LATE MRS. ADAMS, OF MARPLE.

At All Saints' Church, Marple, on Sunday night, the following vesper hymn was sung by the choir and congregation kneeling. It is a good example of this, and a cognate kind into which the late Mrs. Adams' reverent spirit and literary faculty flowed in happy combination, and with good effect:—

VESPER HYMN.

Father in heaven Thy children kneel
Low at Thy Throne before they part,
Grant us this eventime to feel
Thy peace in every burdened heart.

Forgive our fallings from Thy grace,
Our wasted hours, our careless prayers,
Forgive that in Thy holy place
The world hath entered unawares.

Deeds done amiss, or left undone,
Have shamed Thy day, but, Father, see
The pierced hands of Christ Thy Son
Outstretched between our sins and Thee.

Night draweth nigh; across the skies
The glories of the sunset fade,
Peace, like a benediction lies
On this fair world which Thou hast made.

Darkness is Thine, and Thine the light,
So will we fear no hurt or ill,
But through the darkest hours of night
Beneath Thy smile of peace lie still.

And while we sleep
Do Thou, Oh Lord,
Bid Angels keep
Their watch and ward.

Marion L. Adams.

The effect of the singing was most impressive. The occasion was due to produce a feeling of mingled sadness and solemnity. The preacher both morning and evening was the Rev. J. E. Evans, vicar of Marston, near Northwich, who in the morning took the place of the Rev. Canon Symonds, of Stockport. The aged Canon, it seems, set out on his journey to Marple to fulfil his engagement; but the snowstorm was too much for the driving of the coach bringing him, and he had reluctantly to give up the attempt. Therefore the services of Mr. Evans (a guest at the Mount) were willingly rendered. The rev. gentleman, without doing anything in the nature of a panegyric on the deceased lady, made reference to his experience with her during the 15 years he was curate, and spoke of her helpfulness and the urbanity and kindness which always distinguished her.

THE LATE MRS. ADAMS.—The following note on the death of Mrs. Adams by the Vicar appears in the May number of Marple Parish Magazine:—"On March 22, my dear wife, Marion, after months of suffering, borne without a murmur, with wonderful patience, complete resignation and calm trust, in perfect peace, entered into rest. I desire to return sincere gratitude for all the kind and affectionate expressions of sympathy which I have received in my deep affliction. A very large number of letters and messages have been sent to me, not only from the congregation, but from friends of other communions. I was deeply touched by the great gathering at the funeral, and felt that the whole parish mourned with me. Everything that kindness could do to comfort and help me has been bestowed, and I hope everyone will accept my true thanks.—REGINALD ADAMS, Marple Vicarage."

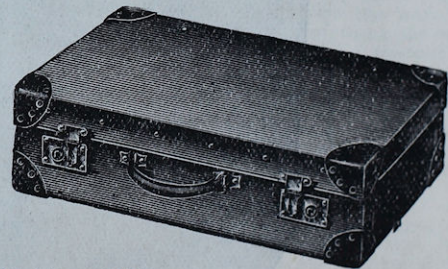
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15in.	45/6
16in.	55/-
17in.	58/6
18in.	65/6
19in.	72/6



No. SA 1523—SUIT OR SHORT VISIT CASE.

Made in Green Willesden or Brown Japanned Canvas, stiffened on "FLAXITE" Fibre, 8 Solid Leather Moulded Corners, Lined Holland, fitted with 2 Slide Nozzle Locks as illustration.

Length	Width	Depth	Price
20in. ...	14½in. ...	6 in. ...	16/6
22in. ...	15 in. ...	6½in. ...	18/6
24in. ...	15½in. ...	7 in. ...	22/6
26in. ...	16 in. ...	7½in. ...	24/6
28in. ...	16½in. ...	8 in. ...	27/6

Also as above, covered best Nut Hide, Solid Corners,

20in.	22in.	24in.	26in.
40/-	47/6	52/6	59/6

W. Glossop. visited. April 8th 1915.



Moorfield. - Chas. M. Hosp.

Concert.



We'll revel now in song and jest,
Just crack your sides with mirth,
And this should prove an easy task,
Through your extended girth.

On this occasion the usual set
Programme will be dispensed with
and an impromptu Concert held.

GOOD NIGHT.

The day is o'er, you've wine and dined,
And most of you have laughed;
Now for the serious side of life—
White Mixture and Black Draught.



WAITRESSES—

Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Barratt, Mrs. F. Hague
and Mrs. Wright.
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Wright.

Brabyns' Wounded Soldiers'

Christmas

Treat



December

26-1916

Girls' Institute, Marple.

Menu.

TURKEY

Perfidious name! thy downfall's our determination,
So to-day cold steel shall bring about extermination.

BEEF

No tin-lined beef for you to-day,
You've had enough of that;
Yet, Bully for you boys! we'll say,
In homage, raise the hat.

PORK

O Pig! thou unclean beast,
We'll not preach here a sermon,
But simply say thy name's synonymous with German.

PLUM PUDDING and Mince Pies

Plum Pudding!
Thou smoking bomb of raisins, spice and suet,
When burst, we hope thy shrapnel, will cause
none here to rue it.

BISCUITS and CHEESE

Did you think the Zeps infernal,
To spoil your fun had come?
No! they've brought the Gorgonzola—
That's what has caused the "hum."

BEVERAGES

GINGER ALE and HOP BITTERS.
Fill up each glass right to the brim,
And from it we'll regale,
Go not in ecstasies, my lads—
It's only Ginger Ale!

CRACKERS

Pull the crackers, don the cap,
Enjoy the fun you all deserve,
We pray the loud concussion
Won't play havoc with your nerve.

— COFFEE. —

Whist Drive.



Whist! now boys, that is the pass-word,
So not a word o'er play,
When ladies silent wish to be—
Well, let 'em have their way.

Commence - 2 o'clock
Finish - - 4-30 „

Two prizes for the Soldiers.

Two prizes for the Nurses.

M.C. - MR. S. L. LAIRD.

Tea.



Our Soldiers love the lasses,
And few it is who vary;
Now's your chance; take it boys
And commune with Little Mary,

Departure for Brabyn's Hall, 5-30.

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