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STOCKPORT (COUNTY) DIVISION.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL,
MARPLE BRIDGE,
CHES., ENGLAND.



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NAME

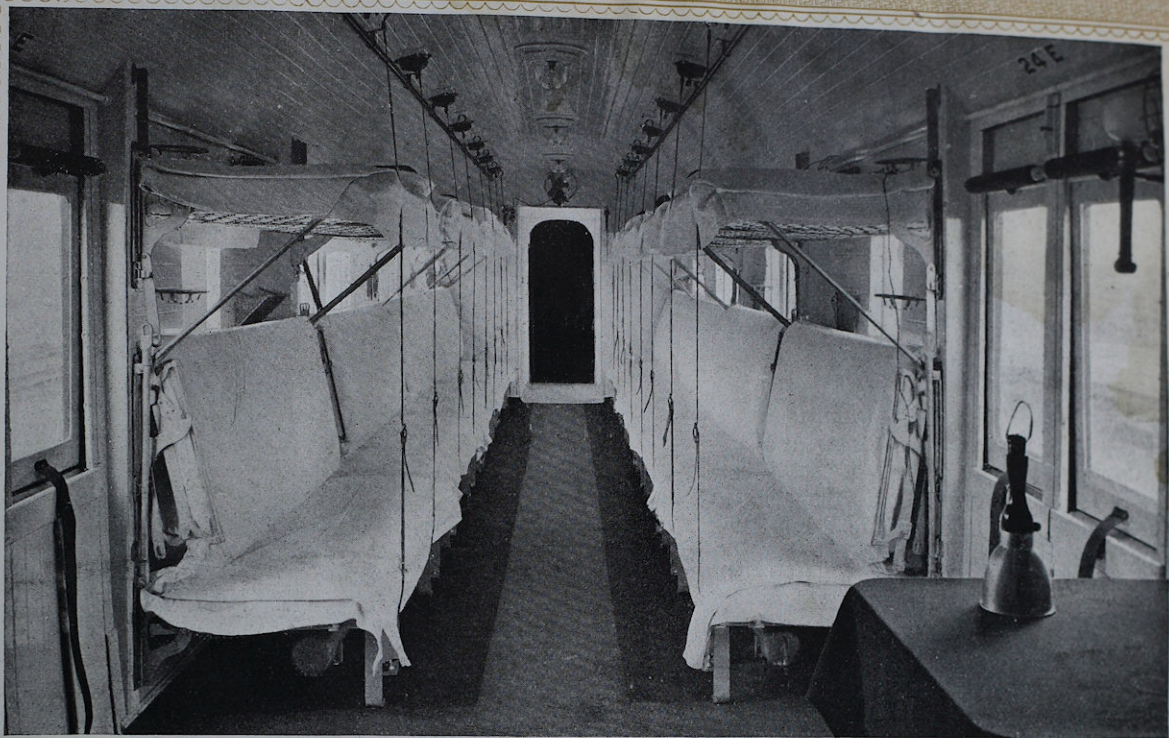


GENERAL VIEW OF AMBULANCE TRAIN.

COMPOSITION of AMBULANCE TRAIN

| No. of Cars. | Accommodation for |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 Brake Van with Stores | 1 Train Guard. |
| 1 Kitchen Car... .. | 3 Cooks. |
| 4 Ward Cars | 144 Lying-down Cases. |
| 1 Pharmacy Car | |
| 4 Ward Cars | 144 Lying-down Cases. |
| 1 Staff Car | 4 Medical Officers. |
| | 4 Nurses. |
| 1 Kitchen Car... .. | 3 Cooks. |
| 1 Personnel Car | 32 Persons. |
| 1 Car for Infectious Cases... .. | 64 Sitting-up Cases. |
| | 16 Lying-down Cases. |
| 1 Brake Van with 2 Infectious Wards | 18 Infectious Lying-down Cases. |
| | 1 Train Guard. |
| <u>16</u> Cars with total accommodation for | <u>434</u> Persons. |

With the Bottom Beds in the Ward
Cars used for Sitting-up Cases the
accommodation is increased to ... 638



WARD CAR WITH BOTTOM COTS ARRANGED FOR SITTING-UP CASES.

WARD CARS.

THERE are Ten Wards on the Train, eight of which are fitted with 36 Cots each for Lying-down Cases, or a total of 288 Beds, the other Two Wards having 18 Cots for Infectious Cases.

The Cars are each 56 ft. long and 9 ft. wide, a pair of Double doors being arranged on either side near the centre of the Cars with ample space inside for the easy manipulation of Stretchers.

Each Ward Car has its interior finished throughout in White Enamel, and carries a supply of 156 gallons of water, a Six-gallon Tank for Drinking Water being fixed near the centre of each Ward.

As will be seen both Fixed and Portable Electric Fans are provided, and a small Bracket is arranged opposite each Cot for the Portable Fans to be used for Gassing Cases, and one of these can be observed in position.

Two Straps are fixed on the outside of each bed to safeguard the Patient in transit.

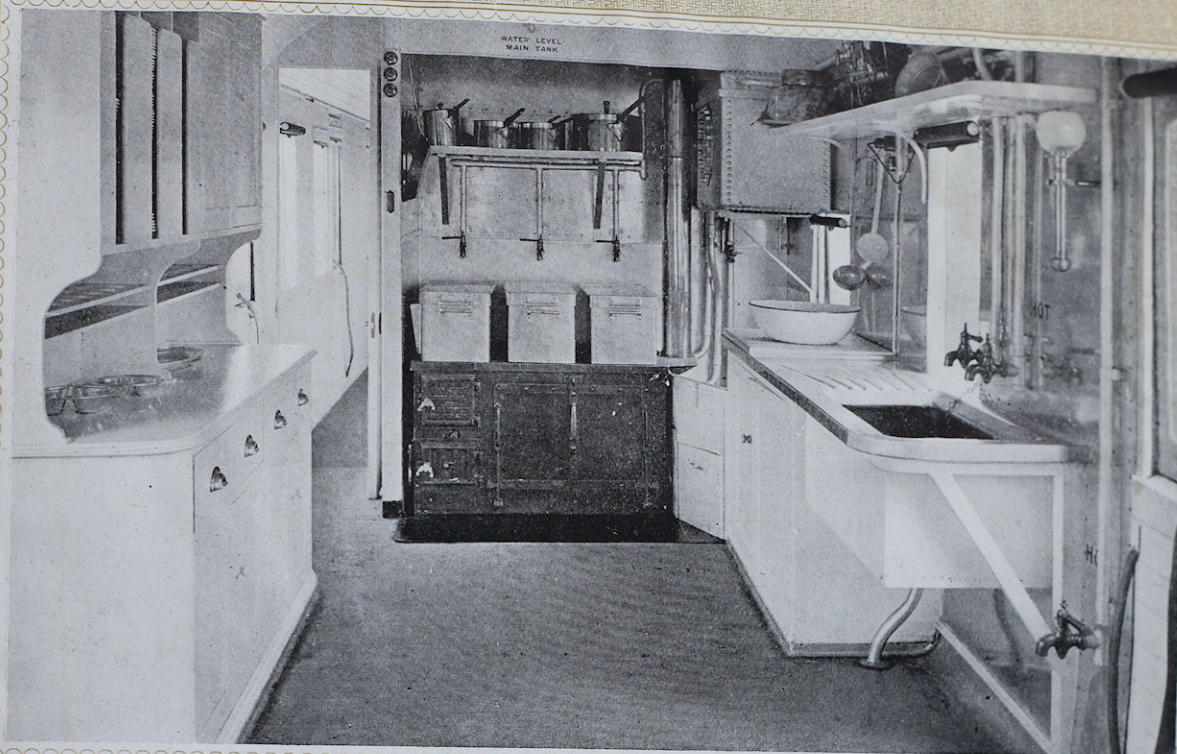
Other interesting features are the numbering of the Cots as in ordinary Hospitals, Camp Stools for Nurses, and Portable Stools for lifting the Patients into the top Berths.



PHARMACY CAR—PHARMACY.



WARD CAR ARRANGED FOR LYING-DOWN CASES.



KITCHEN CAR-KITCHEN.



STAFF CAR-MEDICAL OFFICERS' MESS.



Christmas. 1915

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS from SEPTEMBER 12th 1914 - OCTOBER

| | £ | S | D |
|--|------|----|---|
| Donations, Subscriptions, Collections. | | | |
| Proceeds of Concerts, Whist Drives, etc. | 399. | 0 | 4 |
| Brabyns Hospital Box in Hall. | 19. | 10 | 3 |
| Bank Interest. | | 12 | 7 |
| Government Grants. | 516. | 19 | 0 |

Rationing, Heating, Light
Matron & Nurses.
Materials for clothing.
Drugs, Dressings, Surgical Materials.
Stationery, Stamps, Print
Payments for work done.
Furniture, crockery, cutlery, sheets, etc.
Telephone, carriage of
Stamps for patients.
Balance in hand:

Note. October Grant not (£35-12) included-only being received on November 29.

Average cost per man per day - 3/0½.

Treasurer - 14/10
M/cr & L.D. Bank £9

£ 936. 1 . 2

Audited and found correct.

pp. J. Parker Smith -

Accountant.

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Oct 31/14*

AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL

from SEPTEMBER 12th 1914 - OCTOBER 31st 1915.

| | | £ | S | D |
|-------|--|----------|-----|-----|
| | Rationing, Heating, Lighting. | 649.14 | . | 0 |
| 0 . 4 | Matron & Nurses. | 42. | 1 . | 2 |
| | Materials for clothing. | 24. | 2 . | 4½ |
| 0 . 3 | Drugs, Dressings, Surgical | | | |
| 2 . 7 | Materials. | 52.12 | . | 7 |
| 0 . 0 | Stationery, Stamps, Printing. | 8.11 | . | 4½ |
| | Payments for work done. | 4.19 | . | 2 |
| | Furniture, crockery, cutlery, sheets, etc. | 42.15 | . | 10½ |
| | Telephone, carriage of parcels. | 8. 0 | . | 6 |
| | Stamps for patients. | 8. 0 | . | 6 |
| | Balance in hand: | | | |
| | Treasurer - 14/10½ | | | |
| | M/cr & L.D. Bank £94:8:9. | 95. 3 | . | 7 |
| 2 | | £ 936. 1 | . | 2 |

Audited and found correct.

pp. J. Parker Smith -

Accountant.

Decr. 16th 1915.

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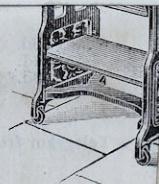
Marple Defence Corps. Feb. 27th 1915

OLD MACHINES REPAIRED
AND MADE EQUAL TO NEW.

WRITE FOR OUR ILLUS. CATALOGUE (No. 191).

THOMAS BRADFORD &
1, DEANS GATE, MANCHESTER
CRESCENT IRONWORKS, SALFORD.

AND AT LIVERPOOL &



North Cheshire Herald

= 1916 =

S. I. 16 Brabyns Military Hospital.

Since last week, five of our patients have been discharged, all on home furlough except Dabsalmon, the Belgian soldier, whom military formality required to report himself in London before finally being discharged. He has been a munition worker at the Westinghouse for some months, since he was pronounced as medically unfit for the army, and his re-admission to a military hospital arose from his wound again breaking out and giving trouble.

The others who left were Private Burt, Grenadier Guards; Private Gray, 1/5th West Yorks; Private Munroe, 4th Seaforths; and Private Watkinson, 14th Manchesters. They had all been here more than a month.

Gifts received include cabbages from Mr. Dawson, bread from Miss Bowden, cigarettes from Mrs. Lees (Romiley), Oxo and calve's foot jelly from Anon., cakes from Nurse Yarwood, cigarettes from Mrs. Kershaw and Nurse Pott, and Bovril from Nurse Farrow.

From the authoress of a "Christmas Legend," we have received a donation to our funds.

Since the extra beds were put into the hospital, there has been a shortage of cupboards for the men to keep their belongings in. Pedestal cupboards are very useful, and if anyone could lend us a few of these, or something similar that can be spared, we should be most grateful.

The Red Cross nurses meet monthly to practise bandaging, and other things, in the Scout Room. At the last meeting (January 5th), Nurse Wardle kindly instructed them in stretcher drill, she being trained for a Marple V.A.D. The balance-sheet of the institution is as follows: Receipts and payments from September 12th, 1914 to October 31st, 1915.—Receipts: Donations, subscriptions, collections, proceeds of concerts, whist drives, etc., £399 0s. 4d.; collecting box at hospital, £19 10s. 3d.; bank interest, 12s. 7d.; Government grants, £516 18s.; (Note—October grant, £5 12s., not included, not being received until 29th November; average cost per man per day, 3s. 0½d.); total £936 1s. 2d. Payments: Rationing, heating, lighting, £649 14s.; matron and nurses, £42 1s. 2d.; materials for clothing, £24 2s. 4½d.; drugs, dressings, and surgical materials, £52 12s. 7d.; stationery, stamps, and printing, £8 11s. 4½d.; payments for work done, £4 19s. 2d.; furniture, crockery, etc., £42 15s. 10½d.; telephone, carriage of parcels, and sundries, £8 0s. 6d.; stamps for patients, £8 0s. 6d.; balance in hand (treasurer 31s. 10½d., in bank £94 8s. 9d.), £95 3s. 7½d.; total, £936 1s. 2d. Audited and found correct, p.p. J. Parker Smith, A.C.A., December 16th, 1915.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL, MARPLE.

The following is the weekly report relating to the above Institution: "Further discharges have reduced our numbers sadly, only nine patients remaining with us. Sergeant Hale, S. Staffs., went on furlough; Corporal Kerfoot, Lance-Corporal Hill, and Private Langridge, were transferred to the sea—Holyhead—to complete their cure. The 'Amusement Fund,' which has been so kindly supported, gave some of the patients two pleasant afternoons this week, in charge of matron and a nurse. They were also present at the St. Martin's School entertainment, which so fortunately took place within the grounds, and was, therefore, an allowable outing. A kind gift of eggs, from Ireland, brought by Miss Clough, was very acceptable; and Sergeant Wilkinson received a present of fruit, oranges, apples, and grapes, from his firm in London. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer one evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Hartley on another, have kindly helped to make time pass pleasantly for our small number. Home Nursing lectures will begin sometime in February, to enable an examination to take place before Easter. No definite date has yet been fixed. They will be held on Thursday afternoons, and Dr. Burton will be the lecturer. Applications to join the course should be sent to the Red Cross local secretary.

15 Jan 1916

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Brabyns Military Hospital. 22.1.16.

There was an operation on Sunday, performed by the M.O., Dr. Burton, on one of the patients, who, though still confined to bed, is making satisfactory progress.

Thanks to the "Amusement Fund" (to which contributions are invited), the patients went to the Manchester Pantomime, last week. Mrs. and Nurse Clymer had invited them, and Matron, to dinner at the State Restaurant beforehand, a hospitality which added much to the day's enjoyment. In the theatre George Robey gave tea to each nurse and wounded soldier present, and also a signed photograph of himself. On Monday afternoon an invitation was accepted from the "White Rose League" to attend a concert at the War Club Rooms, Stockport. Two nurses went with the patients, who enjoyed their outing, which included a substantial tea after the concert.

Brabyns Hospital still lacks small cupboards, in which the men can keep their own private belongings; the loan of a few would be a great boon; pedestal cupboards, or something similar, are the most suitable.

Since the hospital was started three daily papers (two illustrated), have been sent in regularly by an anonymous friend, and only quite recently has it been discovered that we are indebted to Colonel Wainwright for this extra and most welcome addition to the men's daily papers.

A donation of £14 12s. 6d. has been received from Mr. A. Thompson, being part proceeds of the Red Cross Minnehaha Minstrels' Concert Party. This sum—given to Miss Hudson for any Red Cross purpose she might choose—has been divided between the Marple Bed in a Field Hospital in Serbia and our Prisoners of War in Germany.

Thanks are due to Mr. W. Barratt and Mr. Thompson, and all who arranged the above concert.

Gifts to the Hospital include tobacco—always acceptable—from Mr. Kershaw, cakes from St. Martin's Vicarage, three pork pies from "Anon.," ten shillings for stamps for patients' use from Miss Smith, of Keighley, and a donation, as a "thanksgiving," from an anonymous donor.

Dr. Burton is giving a course of lectures in Home Nursing, in the Girls' Institute, beginning at three o'clock on Thursday, February 10th.

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IF DELIVER

Brabyns Military Hospital.

The small number of nine patients has been increased to seventeen, the new arrivals being eight in number. They were all wounded in France, in December, except two, who were invalided home this month only. The names and ranks are as follows:—

Corporal F. J. Godfrey, Q.V. Rifles, London.

Private F. Phillips, 8th Lincoln.

(Both these were wounded by bullets.)

Pte. J. Menzies, 1/6 Seaforths, ill with hamophysis.

Private J. Callaghan, 8th Labour R.E.

Private J. Cocks, 7th E. Lancs.

(These two are suffering from debility.)

Private T. H. Merrick, K.O.P.L.I., trench feet.

Private J. Bellerson, 9th S. Staffs., and Private H. Rowley, 2nd K.R.R., who were wounded by shrapnel, the former in the chest and foot, and the latter in the leg.

There was one departure, that of Private T. Vallenoweth, who returned to his home in Cornwall, on ten days' furlough.

The patients went as Dr. Burton's guests to the Stockport Hippodrome, one day last week, accompanied by matron and a nurse.

Mrs. Pott sent three of the men, with Matron and Nurse Pott, to Buxton, by motor, where they were her guests at tea. One of these patients can only get out in a bath chair, in which the others wheel him regularly; they thoroughly enjoyed the motor drive and change of scene. Mr. Shackleford kindly took a patient out in his car on Sunday.

Gifts received included 19 handkerchiefs, 6 sheets, a bed jacket, old linen, and two mufflers, from the Marple Sewing Party; a large quantity of illustrated papers from Mrs. Irving, and an unknown friend; four blankets from the local Belgian Committee, per Mr. Middleton Hill; socks and mufflers, from Mrs. Barlow; socks, from Miss J. Foster; and cakes from Mrs. Hickson. A parcel of cardigans, mufflers, shirts, socks, and one helmet, has been sent to the mine sweepers—our third contribution to them.

Old gloves—kid and suede—are wanted, to be made into waistcoats for our men, and may be sent here.

29-1-1916.

NUTS FOR STOVES.

ent) 7d. per doz.

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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Feb 5. 1916.

In November we were told to be prepared for monthly inspections, the first of which was undergone in December, but for some reason not known to us, January was missed, the second inspection only being held on Wednesday. Dr. Donald gave a favourable report, emphasising one point, that of the patients being indoors at five o'clock during the winter months.

Sergeant-Major Geerts and Sergeant Wilkinson, both of London Regiments, who had been here since the middle of November, have now left for a Convalescent Hospital in Holyhead, where they have met some other of our patients who are at another Convalescent Hospital there.

On Sunday Dr. Burton performed a bone-scraping operation on the forearm of a patient, Private Forshaw, who, though confined to bed, is progressing favourably.

Mrs. F. Taylor came last Friday night, as usual, and amused the men with games and music; if noise is a standard of their enjoyment, they had a very happy evening. Matron took some of the men to a matinee one day in Manchester, for which the "Amusement Fund" provided.

Gifts of money received include two anonymous donations of one guinea and ten shillings respectively, and a donation of one pound three shillings and sixpence from Mrs. Winterbottom, of Church-lane, who arranged a whist drive in her house, to which she invited her friends to come on payment of a small charge. For her trouble and the result we thank her. Other gifts include three boxes of night lights, from Mrs. Middleton Hill; new laid eggs from Mrs. and Miss Cluff; old linen from Mrs. Beeley; chocolate from Mrs. McNair; and eighteen gramophone records from Mr. Braddock, the Marple Garage.

The Home Nursing lectures begin next Thursday, 10th inst., at 3 o'clock, in the Girls' Institute. The Red Cross Headquarters in London wish local branches to hold these classes, and to have them advertised as widely as possible.



BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

12.2.16

The War Office, through the Red Cross Society, has just issued to all Auxiliary Hospitals an elaborate form, on which very full and detailed accounts of the expenditure throughout 1915 are to be entered and audited before being sent up. Fortunately, our accounts are in perfect order, as they have recently been audited up to the end of the first year—October 31st, 1915—of Brabyns Hospital, a copy of which statement of accounts appeared a few weeks ago in this newspaper. There is little to report of the patients this week, of whom we still have fourteen. Private Clarke had to go to the 2nd Western General Hospital, on Tuesday, to be X-rayed, as the bullet wound in his leg still gives trouble. After the examination, he was allowed to return here, where a report of the result is awaited.

A very enjoyable entertainment was provided in the Mess-Room, last Saturday, by Miss Ferguson, of Stockport. She brought some friends, who recited, sang, and danced, while she herself played the piano. On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Laird resumed their concerts, which, since the hospital started, have been a regular feature there, and have only been suspended owing to the pressure of other work keeping Mr. Laird away. Whether the patients have been many or few, they have seen that at least on one evening every week, there should be a Mess-Room entertainment.

Gifts this week include vegetables and fruit from Mrs. Fox, marmalade from Miss Newton, vegetables from Mr. Dawson, who regularly sends some such contribution, and cigarettes from a night-guard.

Miss Barlow is the night nurse on duty, from which she is relieved by Miss H. Brocklehurst on Saturdays.

12.2.16.

18.2.16.

BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

There are sixteen patients here at present, three fresh cases having been sent in, and two of the old and recovered cases having been discharged since the last report.

The arrivals are all privates, namely—A. Stocking, A.S.C. Labour, who has pleurisy; P. Brady, 1st B Irish, ill with gastritis (these two are kept in bed); and A. Simpson 9th B Irish, suffering from a gunshot wound in the shoulder. The departures were Lance-Cpl. Menzies, Seaforth Highlanders, who left for his home at Elgin; he was hardly recognisable in his "going away" regimental kit, to those who knew him in sober hospital uniform.

Miss Douglas Deas, Mellor, sent a donation of £7 14s. 2s., being the proceeds of a successfully-managed whist drive, got up by her and other Mellor ladies. Another donation, amounting to £5, has been sent by Mr. Sheldermine, Disley, from the committee of the Lyme Horticultural Society, being part proceeds of an auction held in aid of local charities. Miss Wheeldon sent thirteen shillings from her collecting box (2nd instalment). There were several private donations; some of these are paid in regularly every month, and are thus a reliable source of income.

Gifts in kind include twenty lbs. of home-made marmalade, from Mrs. McIntyre, large cakes from Mrs. Hickson (weekly), flowers from the Marple Liberal Club, and the Primary Department of the Wesleyan Sunday School, four pairs of thick hand-knitted socks and two pairs of mittens from Mrs. Allen, and a similar gift from Mrs. Rothenschweider, bananas and oranges from Mrs. Blood, and large pork pies from anonymous.

Owing to the weather conditions, the patients have chiefly had to find their amusements indoors.

Mrs. Plant entertained some of them to dinner at her house, on Wednesday—an outing which was very much enjoyed.

March 4. 1916.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

The most important clerical work of the week has been the preparing, completing, and auditing of the hospital accounts for the whole of 1915, for the War Office. The Hon. Township and District Treasurer (Col. Wainwright) kindly undertook the task, particulars of which are annexed. It will be seen that the average cost per week of a patient is one guinea and fivepence, and that the average length of each man's visit was between six and seven weeks. The next balance sheet will appear in 1917, as the War Office wishes to have January to December reports inclusive.

Four patients are being discharged this week, viz.:—Privates Jones, Rowley, Bellerson, and Cocks, all on home furlough, except Cocks, who goes to a convalescent hospital. Jones, or "Taffy," as he is popularly called, will be very much missed, having been here over three months.

A donation of £12s. 6d. has been received, as the result of a collection made at a Dickens Recital, at Westwood, Marple. Gifts in kind include a dozen pillow cases (first instalment), from the Marple Sewing Party; socks and magazines, from anonymous; cakes, from Mrs. Hickson and Mrs. Baird; bread from Mrs. Falconer and Mrs. Rothwell; and eggs from Mrs. and Miss Cluff.

BALANCE SHEET FROM JAN. 1st, 1915, TO DEC. 31st, 1915.

INCOME.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Donations | 144 | 3 | 10 |
| Grant from County Funds, Marple Red Cross Society | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Congregational Collections | 36 | 9 | 3 |
| Other Collections | 34 | 2 | 4½ |
| Entertainments | 56 | 18 | 1 |
| Patients Payments | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Bank Interest | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| Total Ordinary Income | 308 | 16 | 6½ |
| Army Allowance | 535 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Income | 843 | 16 | 6½ |

Balance, being excess of total expenditure over total income for the year

EXPENDITURE.

A—Maintenance.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|
| Provisions (gifts in kind estimated £100) | 625 | 6 | 1 |
| Surgery and Dispensary (gifts estimated £22) | 44 | 12 | 8 |
| Domestic (exclusive of Miss Hudson's gifts) | 65 | 1 | 2 |
| Establishment (gift from Miss Hudson) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Salaries, Wages, etc. (exclusive of Miss Hudson's) | 52 | 11 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous, General | 8 | 5 | 8½ |
| Stamps for patients' use | 12 | 0 | 6 |
| Total cost for maintenance | 807 | 17 | 12½ |

B—Administration.

| | | | |
|------------------|---|----|----|
| Management | 3 | 15 | 2½ |
| Finance | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Total cost for maintenance and administration

C—Rents, Rates, and Taxes.

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|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Gift from Miss Hudson | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Total, Rent, Rates, Taxes, etc.

Balance, being excess of Income over expenditure

Total

F. M. HUDSON, Officer-in-Charge.

Audited and found correct,

R. WAINWRIGHT, Chartered Accountant.

Feb. 16th, 1916.

FROM JAN. 1st, 1915, TO DEC. 31st, 1915.

Dr.

To Maintenance Fund—
Balance at 1st Jan., 1915: Cash 2s. 5d.,

Brabyns Military Hospital.

In accordance with orders received from Headquarters, preparations have been made in every department against raids by aircraft. Upon warning of such raids being given, the night nurse and night guards would be responsible for rousing the household, and then carrying out the special duties allotted to them. The Red Cross Nurses, indoor and outdoor servants, have also been instructed by the officer-in-charge as to what they are to do. In the event of Marple district being raided by enemy aircraft, there would probably be added to our present anxiety of caring for wounded soldiers, that of housing, and rendering first aid to, any civilians injured, until their removal to a civilian hospital. The Red Cross nurses on duty here would be ready, if required, to render first-aid in Marple Bridge, preparations for such help in Marple having been made by the local V.A.D. commandants, Mrs. Standring and Miss Barlow.

This week we have lost the services of Harold Boyle, who, every day for fifteen months, came from New Mills, and gave all his time in helping the butler. "Harold" (as everyone calls him) will be very much missed, but has to think of his own future, and begin work on his own account. Red Cross nurses are taking his place, Miss Sewell being the first to do so.

Gifts received during the week include—bacon, from a donor who wishes to be anonymous; old linen (most acceptable), from Miss Sherwin; mittens for minceweppers, from Mrs. Syddall (Romiley); and cake, from Mrs. Hickson.

There are only nine patients at present who strike one as belonging to a happy house party, rather than to an auxiliary hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird kindly arranged a concert, on Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. Plant gave up an evening to music and games in the mess-room. Both were much enjoyed.

Brabyns A. M. Hospital.

The authorities have asked whether we can make room for more beds by the beginning of April. They have been told that we extended by ten beds being put in last autumn, and that thirty—our present number,—except under great pressure, is to be the limit.

Two patients arrived on Monday from Vernon Park Hospital. Private J. Pask, 1/5th Lancashire Fusiliers, who is suffering from a fractured skull, caused by a bomb, and Private Wilson, A.S.C., who was hit in the hand by shrapnel. Both these men saw service in Gallipoli.

On Monday, Mrs. Clymer had the patients to tea, at her house, where they spent a very happy afternoon. On Tuesday they again had a treat, when, through the kindness of Mr. W. Hodgkinson, they went to the Manchester Hippodrome.

A donation has been sent from the Marple, Chinley, and District Farmers' Trading Society, Ltd., through Mr. Davenport, of one pound fourteen shillings, being the proceeds of the sale of a dog. Another donation was four shillings, from Mrs. Haslam, which she sends monthly. Other gifts were—bovril, from Mrs. Scott and Mr. G. H. Bull; eggs, from Mrs. Leeper; flowers, fruit, eggs, and cake, from Mrs. Sullivan; and large cakes from St. Martin's Vicarage.

Last Sunday, a warning of Zeppelins was sent to the hospital, where every possible preparation for safety has been made in case of fire or other disturbance, likely to be caused by enemy aircraft. To supplement the staff, Mr. Parker-Smith, captain of the Marple Platoon, has undertaken to send six of the Cheshire Defence Corps to the hospital in charge of a corporal, on notice of danger being received.

penditure over total income for the year ... 843 16 6½

EXPENDITURE.

A—Maintenance.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|----|----|
| Provisions (gifts in kind estimated £100) | 625 | 6 | 1 |
| Surgery and Dispensary (gifts estimated £22) | 44 | 12 | 8 |
| Domestic (exclusive of Miss Hudson's gifts) | 65 | 1 | 2 |
| Establishment (gift from Miss Hudson) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Salaries, Wages, etc. (exclusive of Miss Hudson's) | 52 | 11 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous, General | 8 | 5 | 8½ |
| Stamps for patients' use | 12 | 0 | 6 |

Total cost for maintenance ... 807 17 1½

B—Administration.

| | | | |
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| Management | 3 | 15 | 2½ |
| Finance | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Total cost for maintenance and administration ... 811 12 4

C—Rents, Rates, and Taxes.

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| Gift from Miss Hudson | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Total, Rent, Rates, Taxes, etc. ... 811 12 4

Balance, being excess of Income over expenditure ... 32 4 2½

Total ... 843 16 6½

F. M. HUDSON, Officer-in-Charge.

Audited and found correct,

R. WAINWRIGHT, Chartered Accountant.

Feb. 16th, 1916.

FROM JAN. 1st, 1915, TO DEC. 31st, 1915.

Dr. £ s. d.

To Maintenance Fund—

| | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| Balance at 1st Jan., 1915: Cash 2s. 5d., Bank £92 10s. 11d. | 92 | 13 | 4 |
| Balance for year to 31st Dec., 1915, as per account attached | 32 | 4 | 2½ |

Total ... 124 17 6½

Or, £ s. d.

By Cash at Bank and in Hand—

| | | | |
|--|-----|----|----|
| Maintenance Fund (Cash 3½d., Bank £124 17s. 3d., including Dec. grant) | 124 | 17 | 6½ |
|--|-----|----|----|

Total ... 124 17 6½

NUMBER OF BEDS AND PATIENTS.

From January 1st, 1915, to December 31st, 1915.

Number of beds available for use: 20 to October 24th; 30 after.

Average number of patients resident daily throughout the year; as counted and recorded daily: 14.15 (14.5). Hospital closed for three weeks.

Number of in-patients in hospital at beginning of year: 18.

Number of in-patients admitted during year: 119.

Number of in-patients in the hospital at the end of the year: 17.

Average number of days each patient was resident: 43.44 (43.5).

EXPENDITURE ON PATIENTS.

Expenditure on In-Patients in 1915.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Maintenance— | | | |
| As per Maintenance Fund | 807 | 17 | 1½ |
| Administration— | | | |
| As per Maintenance Fund | 3 | 15 | 2½ |

Total ... 811 12 4

Average Cost of each In-Patient per week in 1915. £ s. d.

| | | | |
|--|---|----|---|
| Average total cost of each in-patient per week | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Average total cost of each in-patient | 6 | 15 | 3 |

Brabyns A M. Hospital.

The authorities have asked whether we can make room for more beds by the beginning of April. They have been told that we extended by ten beds being put in last autumn, and that thirty—our present number, except under great pressure, is to be the limit.

Two patients arrived on Monday from Vernon Park Hospital. Private J. Pask, 1/5th Lancashire Fusiliers, who is suffering from a fractured skull, caused by a bomb, and Private Wilson, A.S.C., who was hit in the hand by shrapnel. Both these men saw service in Gallipoli.

On Monday, Mrs. Clymer had the patients to tea, at her house, where they spent a very happy afternoon. On Tuesday they again had a treat, when, through the kindness of Mr. W. Hodgkinson, they went to the Manchester Hippodrome.

A donation has been sent from the Marple, Chinley, and District Farmers' Trading Society, Ltd., through Mr. Davenport, of one pound fourteen shillings, being the proceeds of the sale of a dog. Another donation was four shillings, from Mrs. Haslam, which she sends monthly. Other gifts were—bovril, from Mrs. Scott and Mr. G. H. Bull; eggs, from Mrs. Leeper; flowers, fruit, eggs, and cake, from Mrs. Sullivan; and large cakes from St. Martin's Vicarage.

Last Sunday, a warning of Zeppelins was sent to the hospital, where every possible preparation for safety has been made in case of fire or other disturbance, likely to be caused by enemy aircraft. To supplement the staff, Mr. Parker-Smith, captain of the Marple Platoon, has undertaken to send six of the Cheshire Defence Corps to the hospital in charge of a corporal, on notice of danger being received.



BRABYNS A. M. HOSPITAL.

By the departure of Privates Clarke and Servey (known better as "Paddy"), the number of patients is reduced to nine; the two named left for a Military Convalescent Hospital at Colwyn Bay. Clarke had been here 15 weeks. The loan of an iron bedstead (six feet by 2), with a mattress, will be much appreciated, as one of our beds has been returned to its owner, who is leaving Marple. All our hospital beds are lent, not one having been bought or hired so far. Will anyone who can lend a bed please communicate with the Red Cross secretary, who will be glad to hear of one suitable, and also to receive old suede and kid gloves to be despatched as a final supply for this winter, to the Ladies' Territorial Association, who appeal for them again, so that they can make waistcoats for the men at the front.

Gifts sent in during the week include bacon from an anonymous donor, and twenty new laid eggs from the same; brawn from Mrs. Plant, bread from Mrs. Rothwell, apples and socks from Miss Murton (Wetherby), and cakes from Mrs. Hickson.

King of the World!—This is the new office created by Cake-a-Pie, King of the World of Baking Powders. 4½d., 2½d., 1d., Works—Ashton-u-Lyne.

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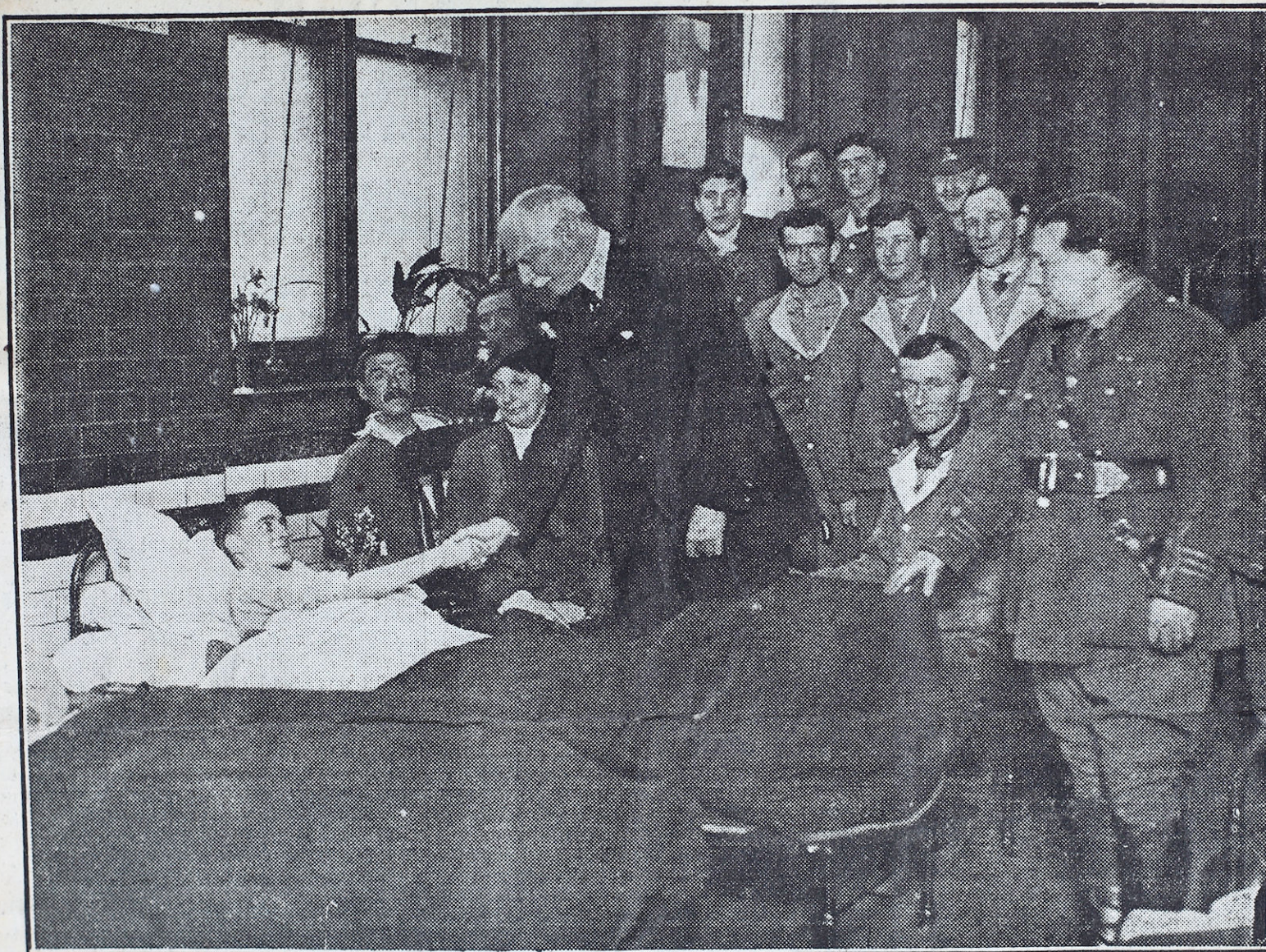
BRABYNS A. M. HOSPITAL.

On Sunday morning the number of patients was increased by sixteen, following up a telephone message to that effect, received late on Saturday evening. Thus at an awkward hour, and very short notice, the housekeeping was seriously increased. Private Wilson, who had been here some time, left this week for home furlough, so there are twenty-four patients, of whom the new-comers are as follows:—Corporal Houghtley and Private Bramhill, 5th Lincs.; Lance-Corporal Walsh, 2nd R. Dublin Fus.; Sapper Patterson, R.E.; Rifleman Moore, 12th R. Irish Rifles; Rifleman Wright, Scottish Rifles; Private Sanderson, 37th King's Liverpool; Private Ford and Private Elliott, 3rd and 2nd R. Inniskilling Fus.; Private Sunderland, Private Hesp and Private Swales, 6th, 15th and 4th W. Ridin respectively; Private Faraday, 19th Lincs. Fus.; Private Astrop, 17th Royal Fus.; Private O'Halloran, 2nd Munster Fus.; Private Hodgkinson, 2nd Border Regiment. The above were all serving in France; one only was wounded, the rest are suffering from frost-bite, rheumatism, and other illnesses resulting from exposure. Miss Hilda Burton has undertaken to do night duty alternately with Miss Barlow, with the exception of Saturday nights, which Miss Brocklehurst has taken for some time. This arrangement will relieve the Red Cross nurses, who have plenty of work, in addition to the nursing, and who come on duty regularly at fixed times for longer or shorter periods. Many of them take a fortnight "on," and a fortnight "off." Mrs. Woodson, Nurse Pott, and Nurse May Barlow, sent eggs and glasses. Mr. Johnson gave gramophone records; new ones are always much appreciated. Mrs. Stott sent muffler, and mittens; Mr. Scott, of Mellor, took some of the men a motor drive on Sunday, a treat much enjoyed, and one which, unfortunately, is becoming more and more difficult to give. Through Private Stott, a former patient, a large supply of socks, chocolate, and other comforts, was added to contributions forwarded from here to the Serbians and minesweepers. The parcels contained mufflers, mittens, helmets, cardigans, pyjamas, and shirts, in addition to Mr. Stott's gifts.

March 25th 1916

Twenty cases, he says, the former wage is doubled, apart from the maintenance and dinner of the City of London Regiment on the condition of a cargo of shipping ships.

SIR FREDERICK MILNER IN MANCHESTER.



[“ Manchester Guardian ” Copyright.]

Sir Frederick Milner visited the Manchester Military Hospitals yesterday with a message of sympathy from the King and Queen to wounded soldiers. The photograph shows him, with Colonel Westmacott, at the head of a soldier at the Whitworth Street Hospital.

BRABYNS A.M. HOSPITAL.

CHANGE OF MATRON. 1.4.16

We are sorry to announce the departure of our Matron, Mrs. Perry, early in April, for domestic reasons. Her husband some time ago wished her to resume private life, and as she also needs a rest, we had to accept her resignation. It will be remembered that Mrs. Perry succeeded Nurse Podmore, last summer, since when she had maintained a high standard among the nurses, and good discipline among the patients, in whom, and her surroundings, she took a keen and personal interest. She has always been ready to help in anything for the improvement and efficiency of the hospital. It is a coincidence that both Mrs. Perry and her predecessor should have been the Matron at this hospital between eight and nine months.

The Matron-elect is Miss Scanlan, who comes to us with very good references, and the record of a busy life spent in large hospitals. Since the war, she has worked in a Belgian field hospital, and in one at Le Panne, of which the head is Dr. Depage, surgeon to the Queen of Belgium; she has also been Matron in V.A.D. hospitals at home.

Wednesday was a very full day in the hospital. Dr. Burd made his monthly inspection in the morning, Mr. Tew took photographs of the staff in the afternoon, and Mrs. Scott gave a whist drive in the evening, and she provided all the prizes and refreshments. The patients and some of the nurses were amongst the guests. There were six tables, and the evening was a very lively one indeed. Nurse Jackson got the ladies' consolation prize, and Nurse Clymer won the first. There were six prizes for the patients, two booby, and four others, which Miss Hudson distributed. The evening was a great event in the hospital, and Mrs. Scott's kindness and trouble were appreciated very much by all present.

Five patients went before the Medical Board at Whitworth-st. Hospital, on Monday, to be discharged from further service abroad; two more went on Wednesday. Some others are going to seaside convalescent hospitals, and several on home furlough. Among the latter is Lance-Corporal Hartley, whose home is at Marple Bridge, and whom we are sorry to lose. The number of patients will thus be reduced from twenty-four to about half that quantity.

Last week, the "North Cheshire Herald" mentioned Pte Booth, of Dooley-lane, who is invalided home, and at hospital in Blackpool. Mrs. Booth, his mother, is a regular worker here, and has been since the hospital opened. She gives her services every Wednesday in the kitchen, and through two winters has hardly missed coming, in spite of the distance from her home, and the awful weather. She is a very great help, and a splendid worker, whom we are lucky to have. She was one of the staff to be photographed.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Laird arranged a very special concert in the Mess Room, which must have entailed trouble in fixing up, as the artistes were not local. They were rewarded by a most appreciative audience, who enjoyed everything.

On Sunday, Major and Mrs. Greame (Strines) entertained some of the men to tea, at their house, a change they much enjoyed.

The week's gifts were 48 pillow cases, from the Marple Sewing Party; mufflers, from Mrs. McNair, and Mrs. Armitage Bennett; fruit, from Mrs. Garnett, Stockport-road; eggs, from Mrs. Scott, Miss Hodgkinson, and anonymous; and marmalade (7 lb.), from Mrs. Middleton Hill.

Two men driving the motor van that had an accident in Marple Bridge, last week, were brought here, and attended to, before being taken elsewhere.

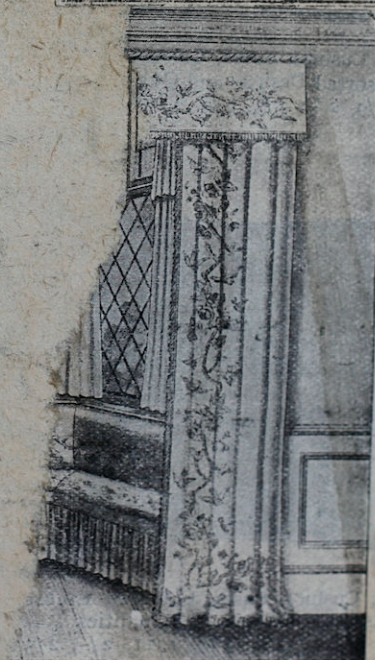
Thankful Anzacs. 8.4.16

THEIR VISIT TO MARPLE AND THEIR TREATMENT.

The letter below, just received by us direct from Victoria, Australia, fully explains itself, and will show the Marple people concerned that their services have been warmly appreciated:—

The Wounded Soldiers' Club Room,
3rd Floor, Centreway, Collins-st.,
Melbourne, Australia,
16th February, 1916.

"Dear Sir,—We, two Australian soldiers who have just returned home after 18 months' active service, desire, through your columns, to thank the people of Marple and district, most particularly Miss Hudson, Mr. Furness, and the members of the Liberal and Conservative Clubs, who made our stay in the home country so pleasant, that we both hope to visit England in the near future in different circumstances than as wounded Anzacs. We both think that we would need to consume a few dictionaries and encyclopedias to express our most grateful thanks to Miss Hudson, who "put up" with our colonial ways for three months; also the kind nurses at Brabyns, who made us very sorry to leave the hospital (or home, as we should say). Believe me, dear sir, we had such a time in the Motherland, that we were loth to leave Marple and England. Dr. Burton also has our grateful thanks for piecing us together again. We both hope to be well enough again to be able to take our places in the march to Berlin, even if we have to come 13,000 miles to join in it.—Thanking you in anticipation, we are, dear sir,—yours for England and Empire,
W. SNELL, 4 A.A.M.C., 2nd Aus. Contgt.;
E. KENNEDY (Sgt.), 7 Batt. 1st Aust. Con.



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Brady's Military Hospital. March 29th 1916.

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Brabyns A.M. Hospital.

The new matron, Miss Scanlan, has arrived to take up her new work to-day (8th). When Mrs. Perry departs, she will find about "a baker's dozen" of patients, and all walking cases, unless the telephone rings up to say that any number from four to seventeen are to be sprung upon her at a few hours' notice. Three of the men were sent to Eastbourne on Sunday, and there were four new arrivals on Monday. One of these is a local man, named Robert Sheldon. He is recovering from an operation after appendicitis. He is a private in the 3/6th Manchesters, and was employed at Hollins' Mills. The others are Private T. F. Biggs, 1/4th Welsh, and Private D. W. Owen, R.A.M.C., 1st Welsh, both suffering from hernia; and Private F. E. Brooks, 6th Essex. The two last were at Suvla Bay, and have been in hospital at Malta. Private Biggs was in hospital at Lemnos.

Matron Scanlan arrives.

Last Saturday, the men were all invited to Ditte Cafe Chantant, held at the Girls' Institute, in aid of the Y.M.C.A. huts. The invitation was gladly accepted, and the evening's entertainment much enjoyed. They all had another treat on Monday, when they went to Mrs. H. Baerlein's house, at High Lane, to tea, and games, watched a little play, and some dancing. They met other convalescing patients from another hospital there.

For Simnel Sunday, Mrs. Greaves (Strines) sent a very large Simnel cake, of which each patient was to have a slice. Another day, 40 new laid eggs were sent in anonymously, and each patient was to have two that day for tea. Both these orders were obeyed. Mr. Lomas, of Stockport-road, sent a gift of three tongues; Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Hickson sent cakes, Miss Smith, Hollins-lane, tea; Mrs. Rothwell, bread, Mrs. T. Plant sausages, Mrs. Scott and Miss Murton (Red Cross cook) each brought new laid eggs.

Since October, 1914, Mr. Johnson has very kindly supplied notepaper and envelopes for the use of the patients; no light matter, when we consider there have been 208 different men here, and that most of them are far from their own people, who have little news of them for more or less anxious and long spells. In addition, Mr. Johnson equipped the hospital with inkpots, blotting pads, and pens. Several donations have been received, one from Mr. Vernon, who contributes regularly to the funds; another was from Mrs. Brittain, who had a whist drive in her house for which she made a charge, and sent the proceeds amounting to £1 3s. 6d. This is the second time Mrs. Brittain has given herself this trouble on our behalf, and we are most grateful to her.

BRABYNS A.M. HOSPITAL.

There is nothing to record of the patients this week beyond the departure of Private Ferady, and that the twelve men here are rapidly improving in health. They are having much pleasure and exercise with a football kindly sent, along with cigarettes, by Mr. Greaves, of Strines. Mrs. C. Scott and Miss Hodgkinson again sent new laid eggs. No more old gloves, for making soldiers' waistcoats, are needed; all those sent here, in response to the appeal, have been forwarded to the Ladies' Territorial Committee, Chancery-lane, W. Of the several beds offered (to supply a shortage, owing to the owner of one removing), the first was accepted; the Red Cross secretary hopes the others will still be available in case any beds have to be returned for any reason to their owners.

Last week the "North Cheshire Herald" published a letter received at its office from two Anzacs, Privates Kennedy and Shell, former patients here, in which they tried to express their great appreciation of Miss Hudson's kindness during their three months' stay at Brabyns. The parents of one of them wrote from Australia to thank Miss Hudson for all she had done for their son, and he also wrote. Similar letters are constantly being received from the front, or from the men's homes, and Brabyns is not forgotten by the three Belgian soldiers who were among the first "guests of war" to come here. They still write from the trenches, especially when they are short of cigarettes, as from their account the Belgian army appears frequently to be.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird arranged a concert in the Men's Room, on Thursday, and Mrs. F. Taylor came one evening for games and music.

Brabyns A.M. Hospital.

Our numbers remain very low, which is a general condition throughout the country, there having been no rush of wounded to England for some time. With the approach of (long hoped for) better weather conditions, an increase of work everywhere is anticipated. The 2nd W. General Hospital—Whitworth-st.,—from which we receive our patients, has not been full all winter.

Miss Ashworth very kindly brought some friends on Tuesday evening, to entertain the patients by singing and reciting, thereby giving them great pleasure. We wish more people who have these and other entertaining gifts would exercise them in this way, as it means so much enjoyment to the men, and makes a change for them in the evenings. As is well-known, Mr. and Mrs. Laird have had the entertaining in hand during the existence of the hospital, and have kept up a regular supply of concerts. They are very glad to hear of anyone willing to devote an evening, or even a couple of items in a programme, and they will then make arrangements. Mr. Laird's address, is Hibbert-lane, Marple.

Some statistical tables of Cheshire Auxiliary Military Hospitals have been sent in to us. They show the number of these to be 65, though for various reasons returns for only 45 are available. Cheshire has the second largest number of hospitals of any county; its beds total 1,616, and patients treated in 1915 numbered 1,764. The average cost per man per day is 3s. 11d (here it is 3s. 0 1/2d.), and on an average each patient cost £8 13s. 2d. for his time in a Cheshire hospital.

Colonel Coates, head of the E.-Lancashire B.R.C.S., inspected the hospital on Tuesday; this was his second visit, the first being fifteen months ago.

Apr. 22. 1916.

Marple British Red Cross Society.

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HOME NURSING EXAMINATION.

On April 6th, Dr. Garnet Allan, Whaley
Bridge, examined 36 candidates who had atten-
ded a course of lectures in home nursing,
which were given honorarily by Dr. Burton.
The best result possible was obtained, as every
one passed the test, a success not achieved
for two years. The following is a list of the
candidates who gained certificates or medals:
—First certificates: Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Dick-
son, Mrs. Batho Gibbon, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs.
Hirst, Mrs. Walsh, the Misses F. Barlow, Bates
(New Mills), D. Bowden, E. Edwards, Hadfield
(Birch Vale), McGuffie, Pickles, Reece, Waine,
Wallwork, and Watkinson. Advanced cer-
tificates: Misses M. Bowden, Brown (Strinee),
Buck, Clymer, Heyworth, Hodgkinson, Sin-
clair, Skeritt, Mrs. Hampson, Mrs. Jackson,
Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Randall Taylor. Pro-
ficiency medals: The Misses Cresswell, Jack,
Kay, and Sewell. Bar on proficiency medal:
Mrs. Standing.

The Cheshire branch of the B.R.C.S. publishes
a handbook for 6d. of the year's work, etc.
Profits go to the society. The report is full
of interest, and copies may be had on appli-
cation from Mr. Hyde, Market-street.

PRICE LIST OF DRAPE

MAY 13. 1916. BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

WEEKLY REPORT BY MISS FOX, SECRETARY.

Five new arrivals are the only event of the week to record, bringing the total number of men received up to date to 214. Fourteen military and the bicycle accident case make up the present numbers. The newcomers are all privates, as follow:—S. Lees, 19th W. Rifle Brigade, dysentery and hernia; T. Hodgson, 3-4 Border Regiment, acute rheumatism; W. Hough, 8th King's Shropshire L.I., J. J. Cox, 6th Borderers, enteritis; and F. Marsden, 9th Lancashire Fusiliers, dysentery. They are all belonging to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. There have been no entertainments, but the men were invited through Mr. Kay, of Marple Bridge, to a lecture in the Congregational Schools there.

Miss Knecht sent down a bowl of beautiful daffodils for the mess room. Miss Binns and "Anon." sent rhubarb.

Mrs. Shepherd, of Marple Bridge, has been added to our list of voluntary kitchen helpers, of whom a few more are needed to fill in every day of the week with one.

Brabyns A.M. Hospital.

PATIENTS AT PRIVATE HANCOCK'S FUNERAL.

The Recent Cycling Accident.

The Secretary, Miss Fox, sends us the following report:—St. Martin's Library, Station-road, which has been used as a Red Cross office in connection with this hospital since August, 1914, is still so used, but only on Saturdays from 11 to 12.30. Offers of personal service and gifts in money and kind may be made there for Brabyns Hospital to the Red Cross secretary. If anyone will give up half-a-day to helping in the kitchen once a week, or once a fortnight, the offers will be gladly accepted. There are a few vacancies for this work.

On Easter Monday, a cyclist in Marple Bridge, living in Manchester, met with what might have been a serious accident, and was brought here by members of the local St. John Ambulance Association, who, fortunately, were at hand, and rendered first aid. It was feared a compound fracture of the thigh would have to be treated, but Dr. Burton pronounced it to be merely a lacerated wound of the thigh. The patient—a boy of 17—is doing well. He was in bed a week, and is now getting about a little with the aid of crutches. On Thursday, all the patients went to the funeral of Private W. Hancock, of Marple Bridge, who died in hospital at Ipswich after a very long illness, resulting from wounds received in action.

During Easter week and since the following gifts have been received:—A box or oranges from Mrs. W. W. Brierley; hot cross buns, Nurse Yarwood; eggs, Mrs. N. Garnett, Miss Hodgkinson, Miss Lizzie Lomas, Miss E. Pott, Mrs. Woodson, Mrs. F. Hague, and Mrs. J. E. Robinson; cheese from Mr. M. M. Sewell; cigarettes from Mrs. Lintott; picture postcard of Brabyns from Mr. Johnson, who keeps the patients supplied with these in addition to note paper.

BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Weekly Report from Miss Fox, Hon. Sec.

On Monday the bicycle accident case—Forster—was discharged, and left for home. He had been here exactly three weeks, the accident having occurred on Easter Monday. Mrs. Forster has written a most grateful letter to the matron, in which she promises a donation to our funds as a recognition of all the kindness and medical attention her son received at Brabyns.

Cpl. H. Houlby, who had been here from March 19th, left on Tuesday for his home at Lincoln, where he was married on Wednesday. The nurses and patients subscribed for a wedding present, which took the form of jam and butter dishes, so he will always have pleasant reminders of his convalescence here.

Gifts included—eggs from Mrs. Scott and Miss Reece, rhubarb from Miss Binns, vegetables and fruit from Mrs. Fox, and 5s. from Mr. Bickerton, Royal Oak, Mellor, from the Horse Shoe Nail Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have invited some of the patients to their house, on Saturday afternoon, and Mrs. F. Taylor continues her Friday evenings of games in the Mess Room. Miss H. Burton is the night nurse on duty at present.

BRABYNS A.M. HOSPITAL.

INTERESTING REPORT: HOW THE BOYS ARE CARED FOR.

Miss Fox, hon. sec., writes as follows: Last Tuesday afternoon twelve of our patients attended a whist drive, to which they had been invited, held in the Church Schools at Strines, in aid of the funds of the Red Cross Sewing Party. Patients from New Mills Hospital were also present, and there was friendly rivalry as to which hospital—if either—should carry off the prizes. The honours fell to Brabyns. Privates Pask and Lees winning the first and second prizes—a box of cigars and one of cigarettes. Needless to say, the rest of the patients shared in the luck of the prize-winners.

Private Houlby, whose marriage was reported last week, sent three boxes of wedding cake here, one to Miss Hudson, one to Matron, and a large one for the "boys."

Miss Ratcliffe, a worker in the cloth-room at Throstle Bank, Hyde, made a collection for Brabyns among her fellow-workers, and brought us ten shillings as the result. A cheque for two pounds was received from the Mellor and Marple District Choral Society, through Mr. W. B. Crass, one of our night guards, as part proceeds of their concert held in March. Another night guard, Mr. Partington, brought 84 new laid eggs, which had been collected by school-children at Earby, near Colne. This is the second time Mr. Partington has brought us eggs in this way. Miss Binns also brought eggs when she was on duty, and Miss Cresswell sent rhubarb. Mrs. Middleton Hill sent vegetables, and Mrs. Rothwell bread, as usual. Mrs. Haslam sent her regular monthly donation.

We are glad to have added Mrs. Grainger and Mrs. Sutcliffe (Mellor) to our list of voluntary helpers. The Compstall and Marple bands played at Brabyns Hospital, last Saturday, and the Saturday before.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

HON. SECRETARY'S INTERESTING REPORT.

Too late for inclusion in last week's report, eight more patients were sent; four more came on Wednesday this week, bringing the total number to 25. The new arrivals are as follow:—Lieut.-Col. T. Tuite, 9th Dublin Fusiliers, rifle grenade wound, thigh; Gunner R. Tattersall, Machine Gun Corps, shrapnel w., side; Driver W. Wilson, 10th R. Innisk Fus., abscess; Pte. H. Hughes, 17th R. Fus., gun s. w., back and chest; Pte. D. Masters, 6th Cheshire, shrapnel w., thigh; Pte. M. Ward, 9th Munster Fus., shrapnel w., shoulder; Pte. C. Grainger, 9th R. Dub. Fus., shrapnel w., back; Pte. E. Scholes, 9th K.O.Y.L.I., abscess; Pte. J. Sweeney, 1st Loyal L. Lancs., rifle grenade wound; Pte. A. Shuttleworth, 8th Devons, rifle grenade wound; Pte. H. Hand, R.A.M.C., appendicitis; and Lieut.-Col. G. F. Barley, 8th Sherwood F., shrapnel w., thigh. They are all from France.

Pte. W. Sunderland has been discharged on home furlough—he had been here ten weeks.

The twenty-five patients, hospital and household staffs bring up the numbers for meals to about 40, and this, with every effort to make the numbers as low as possible. Mrs. Dickson has joined our voluntary helpers.

Last Saturday Mrs. McKenzie entertained about 14 of the men to tea and games at her house, where they spent a very lively afternoon. As is known, through the kindness of the lake proprietors, our patients enjoy free boating, and spend much of their time on the lake. Recently one of them met with a slight adventure there, which did him no harm, and highly delighted his fellow patients. Pte. Brooks had been ragging and splashing them, when he lost his balance, and fell backwards into the water—which naturally "turned the tables" on him.

Through Mr. Holt, a donation of one pound one shilling and sixpence from a "sweep" at the Mellor Golf Club, of which he is hon. treasurer, has been received. The Misses Winifred and Marjorie Farniss sent us seventeen shillings from the sale of lilac in their garden, at the week-end, to holiday-makers. Last year they did the same thing, with equally good results. From Miss Wheelton came a donation of six shillings and sixpence from her collecting box (fourth instalment).

Gifts in kind include cigarettes from Mr. Glover, books from Mrs. Hewitt and Miss Glover, illustrated paper from Mr. Irving (sent regularly), the same and cigarettes from Mr. Hargreaves, cauliflowers from Mrs. Woodhams (Hudworth), cakes from Miss Sewell, and eggs from Miss Reece.

Duchess of Westminster at Marple. *June 10*

VISIT TO BRABYNS HOSPITAL.

LADY NEWTON ONE OF THE PARTY.

On Thursday afternoon, Marple had a distinction accorded to it by the visit of her grace the Duchess of Westminster, who, as president of the Cheshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society, included Brabyns Hospital in a round of inspection. The visitors with her grace included Lady Newton, of Lyme Hall; Colonel Sir Edward Cotton-Jodrell, K.C.B., hon. County Director of the Society, and Mr. J. H. Brydon, hon. County Secretary and Treasurer. There can be few more beautifully-situated military hospitals than Brabyns Hall, or places better adapted for the beneficent purpose to which, through the patriotic and generous course taken, to her infinite credit, by Miss Hudson in this matter, it is for the time being applied. It was seen under exceptionally favourable circumstances on Thursday. The place was flooded with sunshine, and there was a most delicious breeze, which was invigorating in its effects. Balmy air, glorious sunlight from the defaulter who has so churlishly disappointed us just lately, and lovely sylvan prospects from the front of the hall, made the conditions ideal for the visit of the distinguished persons representing the Society, who, before coming to Marple, had already inspected two hospitals at Glossop and one at Mottram Old Hall. The party arrived by motor car at half-past three. Miss Hudson received the visitors, who were introduced to various members of the company assembled to meet them. The gathering included Miss Fox, the hon. sec. of the hospital; Dr. Burton, the medical officer; Colonel and Mrs. Wainwright; Mrs. Barlow, Woodville, Marple; Miss Barlow, and Mrs. Standing, commandants of the Hospital; Mrs. Taylor, Mellor; Mrs. Middleton Hill, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Drury, Miss Sherwin, Mr. Abrahams, and the following Red Cross Nurses, namely, Miss Fanny Hudson, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Lomas, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Newton, and Miss Hopworth; also Mrs. Hague, who has acted as matron, and Matron Scanlan. There are at present 22 patients at Brabyns. The Duchess and the other members of the party were taken over the hospital, Miss Hudson, Miss Fox, Dr. Burton, and others accompanying. The inspection could not fail to make the pleasantest impression as to the suitability of the building, and the admirable and satisfactory nature of the arrangements. As we have said, Brabyns looked its best in the lovely bright sunshine, with the great rhododendrons in full bloom, and the trees and verdure at their freshest. The soldier patients appeared to be in the highest of spirits in their delightful surroundings. After the inspection two group photographs were taken by Mr. J. P. Tew, specially commissioned by Miss Hudson, and the officers of the institution for this purpose. The Duchess of Westminster, Lady Newton, and other ladies were seated, and behind them were the Red Cross Nurses, Colonel Wainwright, and other gentlemen, including, of course, Dr. Burton, whose skill is such a wonderful and welcome asset. Colonel Wainwright looked a rare soldierly figure in his uniform. Mr. Tew performed his work with expert expeditiousness, and subsequently, in reply to an inquiry from the Duchess, said he thought the group would come out well. A second photograph was taken with the soldiers in it, the men taking up their positions with that "cheer of mind and alacrity of spirit" characteristic of the British military. A few minutes more sufficed to conclude the proceedings, and then the Duchess, Lady Newton, and the two gentlemen in their company drove off amid a cheer from the ladies and gentlemen assembled in front of the building. Everything conspired to make the experience a most agreeable one. A reference to the matter will be found in the weekly report of Miss Fox, the hon. secretary, whose glimpses into the working of the Institution are so interesting. Of course such an event as Thursday's is hardly one in which the public could be asked to participate, as the inspection was a purely formal affair; nevertheless, in the case of any stranger who did happen to be present, it was a pleasure to have Brabyns, known hitherto only through Miss Fox's reports, brought before the eye in favourable circumstances, and no doubt there are others to whom the experience would have been equally interesting. This military hospital is a credit to all concerned. The fair "pleasance" in which it is situated is one typical of thousands of such sweet and wholesome parks in this our incomparable "green and pleasant land," now sharing in the travail which has overtaken the confiding peoples of Europe through the overweening ambition of one truculent power.

BRABYNS A.M. HOSPITAL. VISIT OF COUNTY PRESIDENT.

January
The President of the Cheshire Branch of the B.R.C.S., Katharine, Duchess of Westminster, paid us a visit on Thursday afternoon, but too late for any details to be included in this week's report. She is making a tour of inspection, and in this connection it may be of interest to state that

CHESHIRE HAS 62 HOSPITALS

and 92 V.A.D. ones, with a total of 2,206 beds, and has the second largest number of hospitals of any county. The personnel amounts to 4,000; there are 18 ambulances which have covered 217,585 miles, carrying 42,198 men. Colonel Sir Edward Cotton Jodrell, K.C.B., is the Director of the County, which is divided into 26 Divisions, and possesses 82 working parties to supply hospitals at home and abroad. On "Our Day" last October Cheshire came in third on the list, with £6,750 collected for the wounded on all the fronts.

Cigarettes have been gratefully received from the New Shed Weaving Department, Compstall Mill. Donors of cigarettes—notably nightguards—do not always leave their names with their gifts, and so cannot receive acknowledgment in these columns. Two little girls, the Misses Amy Arnall and Dorothy Sharp, brought a very practical gift—pipelighters. Miss (Nurse) Yarwood sent cakes very kindly.

Last Saturday Mr. Hibbert gave a musical afternoon at his house, to which eight of the men were able to go. They thoroughly enjoyed the music, and an excellent tea, which was also given by their host.

Night duty for the present is undertaken by Mrs. Nicolls, a voluntary worker, who has done Red Cross nursing for nearly two years, and had hospital experience before that. Mrs. Nicolls' home is in Australia, but she was caught in England on a visit, at the outbreak of war, so decided to stay and make herself useful by joining a V.A.D., and we are glad of her offer to work here in this way.

BRABYNS A.M. HOSPITAL.

Our thanks are due to many people for the response made to our appeal for donations last week. In so many cases donors ask to remain anonymous, that no names have so far been published of the hundred and forty subscribers. Many people are regular contributors, and the sums received range from sixpence to ten pounds.

Last Saturday matron and patients were invited to a fete at Towncliffe (21 soldiers must have been a large order) by Mrs. Grass. Motors were sent for them by Mr. Scott, Mr. Woodhead, Mr. Sled, and Mr. Elsworth. On Sunday, Mr. Scott took some of the patients a motor run, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The week's gifts include—bread and butter from Towncliffe Fete, flowers from Compstall Mission, magazines from Red Cross Nurse Brown (Strines), strawberries from Mrs. Barlow, pastry from Mrs. Sutcliffe, and a large cake from Mrs. Knollys.

The Misses Annie and Irene Dickson held a cake and sweet sale for our benefit in their garden. They sent us fifteen shillings as a result of their labours.

Brabyns A.M. Hospital.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

FETES FIXED FOR EARLY DATES.

The discharge of nine patients on home furlough this week reduces our number to twelve. The housekeeping has been helped by the gifts of a quantity of jam from Mrs. Hamilton Harris, fifty eggs from Mrs. W. Hall, and 23 from Scout Allen Somerset.

Magazines have been sent by "A Lady," and ward shoes by Miss Ashworth. Donations have been gratefully received from the following people during the last fortnight:—Mrs. F. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves (monthly), Miss Knoop, R. and J. H., Mr. Glover, Mr. F. Barlow, and seven anonymous donors. Some of our regular monthly subscribers are Mrs. Sewell, Mrs. Parker Smith, Mrs. Laird, Miss Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mr. Kershaw, Mr. Ward, and an anonymous donor. Extra subscriptions are still badly needed, and will be thankfully received. Through Mr. Parges, hon. treasurer of Brabyns Tennis Club, the committee sent a donation of £5 (annual.)

FETES.

In aid of the hospital funds, two fetes are to be held in the Brabyns garden in the afternoons of July 19th and 22nd. A string band will supply out of door music. There will be concerts, tableaux, fortune telling, and other things among the sideshows. Admission will be one shilling, including tea and viewing of hospital—the tickets will be sold beforehand. It is hoped that everyone who possibly can, will make an effort to come on either (or both!) of these afternoons, and help to support the local Auxiliary Military Hospital by spending one or two enjoyable afternoons at Brabyns, weather permitting out of doors. Should anyone be prevented from coming, they can show their practical interest by sending a small donation, or a gift of bread, cake, or strawberries towards the tea. Such things will be gratefully received at the hospital the day preceding each fete.

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ARRIVAL OF FIFTEEN NEW CASES. NEXT WEEK'S FETES.

On Wednesday fifteen more patients, some being stretcher cases, were sent in, making 27 altogether. Through the kindness of the Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints, Marple, over three hundred new laid eggs, and some flowers, have been sent. Mrs. Sankroy also kindly sent a gift of new laid eggs, which are always greatly appreciated.

For their generosity in sending donations (which were urgently needed) we thank Misses B., Miss E. Pott, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Johnson, "Mellor Golf Club" (£1), Anan. (10s.), and Mrs. B. Also we wish to thank Mr. Hyde for his donation towards the printing of posters, and Mr. Swindells for printing and giving us the tickets, free of charge.

As announced last week, there will be two fetes in aid of the hospital funds, held in the grounds, on 19th and 22nd insts. Admission by tickets includes plain afternoon tea—extras will be charged for—and admission without ticket, that is paying on coming in, will be two shillings.

There will be various attractions or side shows, at moderate charges, and a sale of cakes, sweets, and buttonholes. A string band will supply the music out of doors.

Gifts of cakes will be gratefully received on the days preceding, and on the mornings of, the fetes, and strawberries and cream on the days of the fetes. These should all be sent to the hospital.

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HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S VISIT.

THE QUESTION OF FINANCE.

APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC.

The visit of Katharine, Duchess of Westminster, to inspect our hospital on 15th instant, was the great event of last week, and passed off very well, as will have been seen from the report of the "North Cheshire Herald," on 17th inst. The County Director and County Secretary accompanied her Grace, who was met by Lady Newton, vice-president for Cheshire B.R.C.S. Miss Hudson received the guests in her drawing-room, where she had invited the local Red Cross Committee, over which Mrs. Barlow presides as Township Leader, to meet them. Others invited were Dr. Burton, M.O.; Colonel Wainwright, D.L.; and Mrs. F. Taylor. We would have liked to see Mr. Buck, too, our late hon. sec. After the introductions, Matron and Dr. Burton escorted the President over the hospital, where Nurses F. Hudson, Jack, Jackson, Lomas and Hewitt, were on surgery and linen room duty respectively. The next proceeding was the photographing of everybody, first the president and committee, and secondly the president with the nineteen patients. Miss Hudson then showed the kitchen, where Mrs. Burgess (cook housekeeper) received the president, who asked her several questions, showing here the same interest she had taken in the wards and in the nurses' occupations. The Red Cross workers on duty here were Mrs. Lintott, Miss Newton, and Nurses Hepworth and G. Taylor. Miss Hudson gave tea in the dining-room, which the nurses and orderly served. The hall, entertaining rooms, and hospital, were all beautifully decorated with arum lilies, sweet peas, and other flowers. Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Shand sent many of these, supplementing the Brabyns garden and greenhouse supplies. The nurses and patients all worked hard to ensure "the day" being a success from their point of view, and were rewarded in that many remarks were made as to the

SMART APPEARANCE OF THE HOSPITAL

staff and patients. The President was pleased to express satisfaction in all departments, and the visitors were delighted with the situation of the hospital in such beautiful grounds, as well as with the bright, airy wards.

We now have 21 patients, as on Monday Corporal Timms, R.A.M.C., 1/7 Manchesters, & Driver Prythek, A.S.C., were sent, the former suffering from rheumatism, the latter from nephritis.

The very high prices of most household commodities have had a serious effect upon our finances; in spite of every endeavour to run the hospital economically as well as efficiently, the monthly bills have increased enormously in amount. That the money subscribed has been carefully managed is proved by our average daily cost for each patient in 1915 having amounted to 3s. 0½d., whereas in the report of Cheshire Hospitals, published by the Red Cross Society, their average for the same period is 3s. 11½d. per patient per day.

In view of our present very small balance in hand we feel we must now make

AN APPEAL TO THE CENEROSITY

of the neighbourhood. We have been able to carry on without anxiety as to ways and means, for one year and eight months, through the support received from so many people, both in money, gifts in kind, and of personal service, and now, for the first time, we ask for fresh donations and renewed help.

By War Office sanction Red Cross Hospitals are enabled to buy tea, coffee, sugar, and various other dutiable goods by observing a certain procedure. One stipulation is that the goods must be paid for by bona-fide gifts, and not from regular funds. It would, therefore, be a kindness if some donors would allocate their subscriptions to either coffee or sugar, as Miss Hudson has just given a large amount of tea (100lbs.), thereby enabling the hospital to have the benefit of it duty free.

Mrs. Mills (Stockport, a member of our committee) sent us a cwt. of potatoes on hearing there had been difficulty in getting enough. Mrs. Baird sent 24lbs. of marmalade, Mrs. Rothwell bread, Mrs. Hickson cakes, Mrs. Easter and Miss Watkinson magazines, and Mrs. Haslam sent her monthly subscription.

From the Marple Red Cross Sewing Party we received four suits of pyjamas; Mr. Hulme, Gothic Farm, Compstall, sent us a bag of potatoes.

Corrections:—The "N.C.H." had last week:—1, "The Duchess of Westminster," instead of "Katharine, Duchess of Westminster," who is widow of the late duke, who was grandfather to the present duke. Katharine, Duchess of Westminster, was the second wife.—2, "22 patients," instead of "19."—3, "Commandants at the Hospital." There are none. Marple has two V.A.D.'s, but the officers' positions are not recognised at the hospital.

Nurses.

*Superintendent. Hudson. Jack. Sister Hague.
Clonon. Jackson. Hewitt.*

Col. Cotton Jodrell.

Dr. A. Boyle.

Katharine, Duchess of Westminster, Photographed at Brabyn's.



First row (counting from left to right): Miss Fox, Mrs. Barlow (Township Leader), Miss Hudson, Katharine Duchess of Westminster, Lady Newton, Mrs. Wainwright (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. Mills, Dr. Burton, M. O., Sister Hague. Second row: Matron (Miss Scanlon, Nurse Jack, Mrs. Drury, Mrs. Standing, Col. Sir Ed. Cotton-Jodrell (County Director), Mrs. Middleton Hill, Col. Wainwright, D.L. (Township Treasurer), Miss Barlow, Miss Sherwin, Mr. Brydon (Hon. County Secretary), Dr. A. Boyle (Assistant County Director.) Third row: Mr. Abrahams, Hospital Orderly, Mrs. F. Taylor, Nurses Fan Hudson, Jackson, Clymer, Hewitt, Mrs. Lintott (Red Cross cook), Nurses Hepworth, Taylor, Lomas, and Newton. Photo by Tew, Marple.



Bradyn's Military Hospital, Marple. June 15th 1916.



Bradyn's Military Hospital, Marple. June 15th 1916.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL, MARPLE.

THE FIRST OF THE FETE DAYS.

There is now a desperate need of beds for the wounded, so rapidly coming into the country, and our hospital—as others—has again been asked to increase the accommodation. Walls won't expand, and this hospital could hardly be fuller or busier, so that to increase will mean an annexe of one kind or another. At the same time as this request comes another to the Officer in Command (Miss Hudson), for every effort to be made to increase the number of Red Cross nurses for special service. The editor has been asked to find space to print this appeal elsewhere to help the need to be widely known.

Further donations for the special appeal for funds have been gratefully received from Mr. and Mrs. G. Shand, Miss Ella Furness, Mr. Joel Wainwright, Mr. E. N. Garnett, Mr. Hill (Compstall), one guinea from the ladies of the Mellor Golf Club through Mrs. Hugill, and 23s. from the children of the Ludworth Council School "as the result of a small effort."

Mr. Dawson, greengrocer, sent a large basket of strawberries; Miss Syddall, fruit; Mrs. Knowles, cakes; Mr. Greaves, Gold Flake cigarettes; "Anon." material for bandages; and the Strines Red Cross Sewing Party, through Mrs. Drury, day shirts and ward shoes.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Wood took some of the patients motor runs, treats always looked forward to by them and enjoyed.

Wednesday's fete passed off very successfully in every way. The weather (by some mistake) was beautiful, and it is thought about 700 people came, most of whom had tea. The string band was a great attraction, as also was the fortune teller. The "Zoo" caused much amusement, and a very interesting show was the exhibition of soldiers' trophies from the front, to which was added a group of over sixty old boys from St. Martin's Schools now serving or who have given their lives in this war.

Concerts were held in the large tent, and a fresco, for to-day (Saturday), a programme of these is arranged to be held in the large marquee every half-hour from 3.30 to 6.30. This opportunity is taken to thank everybody who contributed in any way to the success of Wednesday, either by selling or buying tickets, lending furniture, or crockery; helping behind the scenes, acting as stewards, waitresses, helpers, the children who provided and sold sweets and flowers, the entertainers, and donors of cakes, strawberries, home-made bread, etc., etc.

At to-day's fete, there will be a flower and cake stall, contributions to which are asked for, to be sent to the hospital on Saturday morning. Gifts of strawberries and cream will be most acceptable. Will anyone unable to procure a ticket for the fete show their interest by sending some of the above, or a small donation towards the special effort now being made to place the hospital funds on a sound financial basis.

Brabyns A.M. Hospital.

QUESTION OF EXTENSION.

SUCCESS OF THE FETES.

We append the weekly report of the hon. secretary, Miss Fox, which, as will be seen, deals with the question of extension of accommodation, and that of nursing. Miss Fox also furnishes interesting particulars respecting the fetes. She writes:—

A resident trained nurse has been added to the staff (30 beds making it a necessity), in addition to Mrs. Wallace Hague, who gives valuable help as Emergency Sister. The patients number 29, many being cot cases.

The question of extending our accommodation is under very serious consideration, in reply to a request from the War Office. If done, it will be trusting to rely upon not only the continuance, but the increase of generosity on the part of the neighbourhood, which has, hitherto taken so much interest in the local hospital. Gifts in money and in kind, and offers of personal service will need to be largely added to the last may be made to the hon. secretary, at the hospital, or to the commandants, as per letter in another part of the paper. We are asked to work our nurses harder, so as to allow at least three, who are able, to volunteer for special service—and we may now get help temporarily from those who only had one certificate, and in exceptional cases who have not even one. The War Office stock of nurses is almost depleted.

Donations have been received from Mrs. Sandys, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Parker Smith (monthly, and an extra donation) Mr. Cresswell, Mr. P. Woodhouse, Capt. E. Woodhouse, R.E., Mrs. Haslam (monthly), Mrs. C. Scott, Mr. Greenhalgh, Ludworth Branch B.R.C.S. (£5), and Mrs. McDonald. Further donations will be gratefully accepted, small weekly or monthly ones included. In addition to the above we received from Marple Unitarian Church, £1 12s. 6d., through Mr. Hirst.

A generous offer has been received from Mr. Sinclair to provide a certain amount of equipment towards the extension, and this will be accepted when, and if, arrangements are made.

The great success of the two fetes testifies to the popularity of the hospital. There is no need to say much more about these, as everybody was there, but rather about the workers. Over 1,600 tickets were sold, and more than 2,200 visitors had tea, besides helpers of all kinds. 781 tickets were taken on Saturday, and more than those on Wednesday. It is absolutely impossible to mention by name the helpers in the many departments, and those who sent gifts, ranging from 30lbs. strawberries to two home-made loaves. The gifts, together with Miss Bethwick's doll, made a lot of money at the cake and flower stall, over which Col. and Mrs. Wainwright presided each day. Mrs. A. Thompson gave and made ices, helped by Mrs. Ferguson (St. Martin's-lane), the Misses Shand, Phyllis and Marjorie Hague, and Kathleen Wainwright were dainty flower and sweet sellers, and had a good trade both afternoons.

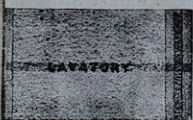
Mrs. Falconer did the catering, and most kindly gave her services, both afternoons, in seeing that the supplies were kept up, and helpers busy. Matron (Miss Scanlan), Sister Hague, and the hon. sec., organised and collected furnishings for the tea. The waitresses and helpers behind the scenes all coped splendidly with the large number of visitors. The show department was managed by the Orderly (Mr. Marriott), and he is to be congratulated on the good financial results and amusement provided through his hard work. The Zoo, Poster Exhibition and Auction with the trench may be specially mentioned, as they will long be remembered. The patients, who were able worked long and arduously before and after, and enjoyed the whole thing immensely, in fact it did the hospital good.

Mr. Laird (our concert organiser since the hospital began) and Mr. Stott brought the artistes, Mr. Royle and Mr. Spencer gave up much time as stewards, and Mr. Glover and Mr. Taylor as Treasurers. We specially wish to mention Mr. Hamilton Harris for his kindness in coming to sing. Miss Freda Barlow (Marple Scoutmaster) for bringing her own and the High Lane Scout Troops, who were invaluable—and also Miss May Rhodes, with her girl guides. Thanks are due to Mr. Pott, Mr. Vernon, the Secretaries of the Conservative and Liberal Clubs, of the Technical Institute, Scout Hall (Mellor), and St. Martin's Schoolmaster, for lending crockery, tables, and chairs, and last, but certainly not least, to the weather for taking up just in time. Up to date the total received is £160, out of which comes expenses of tea, tents (£7 only), and hiring and carting of some things.

Dr. Burton wishes classes in First Aid to be formed, and that candidates should send in their names as soon as possible to the secretary, Springfield, Station-road, Marple.

An urgent request is made for sheets and blankets, as we are obliged to take in more patients.

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Brady's Military Hospital, Marple.



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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Two tents, each capable of holding eight beds, have been erected close to the hospital. Other additions are in course of construction, such as extra bath-room and kitchen accommodation. The latter, together with a scullery, has been made out of the laundry, and the washing is being done away in the country. The Whitworth-street Hospital (2nd Western General) sent the tents, beds, and some bedding for the use of the more convalescent patients. All this naturally entails additional initial and working expense. At the time of writing our patients number 24, making a total up to date of 250 patients treated here. There are now 45 beds in the hospital, including those in the tents.

Gifts received were:—Eggs and journals from Mrs. Kirkwood (Strines); rhubarb, scones, and eggs from Mrs. A. Shanks; sweet peas from Miss Ashworth; muslin jug covers, five suits of pyjamas, and collars from the Marple Red Cross Sewing party, through Mrs. Beard; walking sticks and books from Mrs. Sigley; eggs from Miss Binns; flowers from the Unitarian place of worship; malt wine from Mr. Standring; Mr. A. K. Johnson has again sent a large consignment of notepaper and envelopes, with which, as before mentioned in this report, he has kept the hospital supplied since October, 1914.

Last Sunday week, Mr. Scott again took some of the patients a much-enjoyed motor run. Further donations have been received from Mrs. Lenthall, Mrs. N. Garnett (weekly), and Nurse Yarwood (a collection).

The total receipts from the fetes, exclusive of donations (which were handed over to Mrs. Wainwright for special hospital fund and acknowledged by her), amount to £167 18s. 3d., and expenses to under £34.

In the list of names last week of helpers at the fetes there should have been included Mr. Tew and Mr. Platt, who so kindly arranged with the voluntary string bands, to come and add by their playing so very considerably to the enjoyment and success of the afternoons.

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BRABYNS HOSPITAL.—In the weekly report concerning Brabyns, given by the hon. secretary, Miss Fox, will be found the particulars relating to the receipts from the recent fetes. The result is very substantial help for the funds of the hospital, and some relief from immediate worry for those who make themselves responsible for the management of the institution. A suggestion has been thrown out, and has been earnestly talked over at Mellor that it would be a good thing to secure more co-operation between the well-wishers of the Hospital at Mellor and those at Marple, in the matter of raising funds. Why not a joint committee, and joint management? The importance of the Hospital in the estimation of the authorities is growing rapidly, and the question of increasing the accommodation is becoming urgent. In the circumstances it is thought a broadening of the basis for financial and administrative purposes would be a very desirable thing. Mellor is anxious to co-operate in a more direct way than has hitherto been the case. It is too early to go into the question at any length, but it is well worth while to give the public the information that the suggestion has been mooted. It will seem to many, we think, that some change is necessary in the interest, not only of the institution itself, but of the ladies who have to bear too heavy a responsibility at present. We invite expressions of opinion on the subject.

Brabyns A.M. Hospital.

An erroneous impression appears to be in circulation, to the effect that further additions are contemplated to this hospital, which will involve the taking of an empty house, or even of schools. This has no doubt arisen from the fact that such a form of extension was under discussion between Miss Hudson and the Medical Officers, before the 2nd Western General Hospital settled the affair by sending down tents and beds. There will, therefore, be no further extension in connection with Brabyns Hospital, as it is realised by all concerned that it is as full and busy as is desirable, if the comfort and care of the patients are to be ensured as heretofore.

Forty-five patients are now in residence, and expenses have accordingly increased. A wooden hut has been erected for extra bath-room and lavatory accommodation; the washing has now to "go out," as the laundry is needed for a second kitchen, extra utensils for this, crockery and cutler necessities have been bought, and last, but not least, a trained night nurse has been engaged, this being necessary to comply with War Office regulations for 46 beds. In this respect we had been singularly fortunate, night-nursing hitherto having been almost entirely voluntary. The Government grant of 2s. per patient per day does not cover the entire cost of food, medical requirements, nurses' salaries and laundry; it had been hoped that an increase would be made in the grant, but at present, at any rate, this will not be so, in spite of the increased cost of living.

We wish to draw attention to a sacred concert which is to be given on Sunday afternoon, 27th inst., in aid of our funds. Mr. Stott has most kindly undertaken all the organising in connection therewith, on the offer of the Longsight Operatic Choral Society being submitted to him. The Society consists of munition workers whose only free afternoon is Sunday, and who have raised much money in Manchester in this way for war charities. We hope, therefore, everyone will support this concert in the way it deserves, and realise that we did not wish to refuse an offer to further replenish our coffers.

Mr. Scott (Mellor) again most kindly took the men a motor run, in spite of the scarcity of petrol; four of the cot cuses were sent with him; their delight at having an invigorating drive instead of lying in bed was only equalled by the benefit they received from it to mind and body. Some of the men went to a fete at Strines Bowling Green, and others enjoyed boating on the lake, and tea with Dr. Barrie Taylor.

Mrs. Buck is kindly making and giving us a dozen draw-sheets, as well as other sheets. Mrs. Burdass sent old linen and sheets, Anon. sent half-a-crown for eggs, Miss Murton (Wetherley), Mr. and Mrs. Hangreaves, and Mr. Parkee, sent donations, all gratefully received, in view of what has been written above—"For the duration of the war." We are indebted to the Misses Cuffley for the loan of a bath-chair, without which some of the men could not enjoy the grounds of the hospital.

On Tuesday week, 8th inst., three ambulance cars and one motor brought sixteen patients, thus bringing our number up to 44. We have still two vacant beds. The more convalescent among the patients are enjoying sleeping in the tents, the rounds of night-nurse and night-guards are considerably increased—likewise their responsibilities. The "extension is now all in working order. The fresh arrivals are Corporal O. Crowther, 7th K.R.R.; Corporal Trickett, 6th Manchesters; Corporal Stolpe, 8th R. Welsh Fus.; Private Partlock, 2nd Batt. Manchesters; Private J. Adamson, Seaforth Highlanders; Private Keast, 28th Royal Fus.; Private McVay, 3-7 Manchesters; Private Crozier, 54 Australian I.F.; Rifleman Beasley, 12th King's Royal Rifles; Private Clempson, 1st 6th S. Staffs.; Private Ellis, 1st Lanc. Fus.; Private Bate, 8. Wales Borderers; Lance-Corporal Mewhorter, 2nd Border Regt.; Private Parker, 7th Lincoln; Private Hodson, 16th Welsh R.; Private

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Mrs. Buck is kindly making and giving us a dozen draw-sheets, as well as other sheets. Mrs. Burdass sent old linen and sheets, Anon. sent half-a-crown for eggs, Miss Murton (Wetherley), Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves, and Mr. Parkes, sent donations, all gratefully received, in view of what has been written above—"For the duration of the war." We are indebted to the Misses Cuffley for the loan of a bath-chair, without which some of the men could not enjoy the grounds of the hospital.

On Tuesday week, 8th inst., three ambulance cars and one motor brought sixteen patients, thus bringing our number up to 44. We have still two vacant beds. The more convalescent among the patients are enjoying sleeping in the tents, the rounds of night-nurse and night-guards are considerably increased—likewise their responsibilities. The "extension is now all in working order. The fresh arrivals are Corporal O. Crowther, 7th K.R.R.; Corporal Trickett, 6th Manchesters; Corporal Stolpe, 8th R. Welsh Fus.; Private Partlock, 2nd Batt. Manchesters; Private J. Adamson, Seaforth Highlanders; Private Keast, 28th Royal Fus.; Private McVay, 3-7 Manchesters; Private Crozier, 54 Australian I.F.; Rifleman Beasley, 12th King's Royal Rifles; Private Olempton, 1st 6th S. Staffs.; Private Ellis, 1st Lanc. Fus.; Private Bate, S. Wales Borderers; Lance-Corporal Mewhorter, 2nd Border Regt.; Private Parker, 7th Lincoln; Private Hodson, 16th Welsh R.; Private Alderman, 59th Batt. Australian I.F. Eleven of the above are suffering from shell or gun shot wounds, one being an amputation case; except one wound received as far back as January the casualties are recent ones, the most so being on July 28th.

Accompanied by Matron and two nurses, eleven of the patients went to the Hippodrome matinee for wounded soldiers, on 4th, at the invitation of the managers. The building was crowded with "men in blue," and attendant nurses. The question of paying for railway fares has sometimes prevented our sending in our patients to these special matinees; however, Dr. Burton generously defrayed the cost, and only regretted more tickets had not been sent. Some of the other patients assisted the same evening at the war meeting on the Recreation Ground, as requested by headquarters, London. A gentleman present who only wished to be known as "the man from Kent" gave Matron a donation of a pound, as he had expected a collection in aid of Red Cross funds would have followed the proceedings. It is being spent on small surgery requisites. Other donations include a special one to buy kitchen requisites, from Mrs. Murton (Wetherby), twenty-four shillings and threepence from the scholars of St. Martin's School, a monthly gift from Mrs. Sewell, and a donation from Mr. Rothenschweiller.

Gifts in kind were—Vegetables and fruit from Mr. Darrah and Mrs. Fox, peas from Mrs. Blood, cake from Mrs. Armitage Bennett, eggs from Miss Pickles, and bed-pockets from Mrs. Spencer. Gifts of all kinds of garden produce will be most gratefully received, as the daily amount of fruit and vegetables required to feed patients, hospital and household staffs cannot be supplied by the kitchen gardens, though they, too, have been extended. Many people have surplus vegetables in their gardens, but no idea that Brabyns Hospital would be glad of some of them.

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HANDSOME DONATIONS FROM MR. FRANK BARLOW.

Since the last report the following men have been sent in:—Corporal Butler, Essex Yeomanry; Corporal King, 4th Batt. Spec. Brigade; Lance-Corporal Nunn, 1st Herts.; Pte. Williams, 6th Lincs.; Private Connolly, R. Dublin Fus.; Pte. McMahon, 5th Leinsters; and Private Staines, of the Warwicks; one case is medical, two are injuries, and four gunshot or grenade wounds.

There are 45 patients, and the convalescent ones sleep in the tents. Through the Secretary of the Ludworth Hockey Club, we have the loan of a bell tent, a most useful outlet for boot cleaning and other things.

Last Friday a party of 20 patients and nurses went to a wounded soldiers' matinee at the Palace, Manchester; another day Dr. and Mrs. Burton kindly invited some of them to tea, and they passed a happy afternoon, playing bowls and billiards.

On Wednesday Matron and Sister accompanied all but the "cot" cases, by invitation, to the fete in aid of the blind; thirty men went, and had tea given them by the organisers.

Donations have been most gratefully received from Mr. Beeley, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Nevill (Bramhall), Mrs. and the Misses Fox, and Mr. J. E. Robinson. The Misses Edith Oldfield and Jessie Arnall had a "Child's Bazaar," from which they sent the matron ten shillings.

Mr. Hudson sent money for cigarettes, Mr. Thompson cigarettes, Mrs. F. Barlow two bed tables, Miss Sewell large cakes, Mrs. Twentyman plums, Mrs. Shand turnips, Mrs. Spencer three large cakes, Mrs. Stafford a plate drainer, Dawson (greengrocer) apples, and the children of Alder Hill Council School, Earby Colne, 123 new-laid eggs, their second or third consignment. The link between them and us is Mr. Partington (nightguard); through his influence we get these acceptable gifts. The "cot" cases especially need a great many eggs. As before stated, gifts of vegetables and fruit (in fact all garden produce) are much needed. Mr. Scott (Mellor) again most kindly took some of the men a motor run.

Our gramophone is worn out! Only those in the hospital know what a difference this makes; there seems decidedly something short! Mr. and Mrs. Clements gave the present one, two years ago, and since October, 1914, it has interested and cheered the patients daily—hourly almost. The loan or gift of one would be a great boon to the men, and be much appreciated by everybody. The "cot" cases most of all miss a gramophone, as there is a piano in the Mess Room (lent by Mr. Hamilton Harris), for the pleasure of the "walking" cases.

Owing to the generosity of Mr. Frank Barlow, we expect to be able to meet the additional expenses made necessary by the extension, which includes new bathroom hut, kitchen, pack store for kit (45 men), besides more equipment in each department. Mr. Barlow has sent us a cheque for a hundred guineas, half of which he wishes to be for the above, and the other half for current expenses.

"Ways and Means," when looking ahead, had begun to be a rather serious consideration, in view of our numbers, and the increase in price of most things, so that such a handsome donation (in addition to many others lately received, together with proceeds of the fetes), means a considerable lessening in anxiety to those immediately responsible for the welfare of the hospital.

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GIFT OF A GRAMOPHONE.

Through the energy and enterprise of Messrs. S. L. Laird and W. Barrett, a sum of £6 10s. was collected by them in two days from generous donors, for a new gramophone for this hospital. Mr. Barratt brought it down, with fifty new records, from Messrs. E. Howles, Julian Hague, J. C. Hibbert, R. Oldfield, and R. E. Royle (Marple Bridge). The patients gave three cheers for the collectors and donors. The instrument was bought from Mr. J. C. Hibbert, music dealer, Marple.

The Compstall Tennis Club very kindly entertained fourteen of the patients to tea on Saturday; Nurse Clymer had a party for 37, on Wednesday, sixteen, accompanied by matron and three nurses, went to a wounded soldiers' matinee at the Ardwick Empire, the cost of railway fares and taxis (for the lame men), being defrayed by an anonymous friend. The patients who went to these respective entertainments had a thoroughly good time. They also attended the concert on Sunday, organised in aid of our funds by Mr. Stott.

Gifts include a potato peeler from Mr. Mabbott; 24 new laid eggs, Mrs. McDonald; jig-saw puzzle, Mrs. Jowett; bed socks, Mrs. McKenzie; six sheets, Mrs. Buck; cigarettes, Mr. R. Oldfield; magazines and a blanket, Mrs. R. Barlow (Mellor); walking sticks and books, Mrs. Woodon; turnips and pears, Mrs. Darrah; vegetables, Mrs. Fox; Flowers, Miss Ashworth; cakes, per Mrs. Spencer; soap, Mrs. Rothwell; sixteen eggs, Boy Scouts; raisins, Mrs. Grainger; vegetables, from the fete at the Lakes; melon and large cakes, from Mrs. Knollys; eggs and marmalade, from Mrs. Scott, and 120 yards of sheeting from Mrs. Penny. Miss Hough sent a donation of one guinea.





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THE NEW TENTS AND THE QUESTION OF A HUT.

It is requested that anyone wishing to have a collecting box for the above will apply at the hospital for it, when a sealed box, signed by Miss Hudson, will be given. No collector will be considered "official" who fails to comply with this request, which is made in the interest of the public as well as of the collector and ourselves. The public are warned against putting money into open or unprotected boxes.

Six patients have been discharged on home furlough since the last report. There are four new ones, Corporal E. J. Raybould, 10th Warwicks; Rifleman T. O'Brien, 2nd King's Royal Rifles; Private H. Willis 18th W. Yorks; and Private H. Rampley, 8th Suffolks—they are all wounded.

The work was uneventful except for a motor run. Mr. Scott (Mellor) took some of the men, and for Mrs. F. Taylor's usual Friday evening of music and games.

The officials of the Compstall Wesleyan Church sent a donation of £6 8s. 6d. per Mr. T. Hallam, it being the entire collection at a memorial service held by them. From the weavers of the "Big Shed, Compstall Mills," we received eleven shillings, collected among them by G. Knowles.

Four children, aged 10, 11, and 12, had a bazaar, and sent four shillings and sixpence as the result. The names are the Misses Dolly Turner and J. Malpas, and Masters A. Swindells and J. Turner.

Gifts in kind include cigarettes and illustrated papers from Mrs. Pritchard, a large number of novels from Mrs. J. McNab, bed pockets from Mrs. E. Spencer, cigarettes from Mr. E. Spencer, fruit and vegetables from Mrs. Blood 20 eggs from Scout Allen Somerset currants and raisins from Mrs. Grainger, bread from Miss Bowden, and turnips from anon. Mr. S. Hilton, of Compstall, sent eighteen feather pillows; he provided all the materials, and sent us the finished articles, which he got made up.

The very heavy rain has tried the tents considerably, as they are new, but after all the seasoning of last week-end should now be better able to withstand the weather. The 2nd W. General Hospital considers these tents are very satisfactory, and answering the purpose well, and does not advise our having a hut built yet, as it is too early to say whether all the extra accommodation provided by auxiliary hospitals will be required in the winter. In this respect it is interesting to note that Cheshire responded better than most counties to the demand for extra beds, this being in keeping with that county having the second largest number of hospitals.

Should a hut be needed at Brabyns, Mr. Barlow has very generously offered to give one, and pay the full cost.

It is proposed to hold classes in First Aid during the autumn, at the Girls' Institute, on Friday evenings, at 8 o'clock. Dr. Burton will give his services as lecturer; the course will be open to men and women, and will begin on September 29th. The fee will be 2s. 6d. or 3s., according to the numbers attending.

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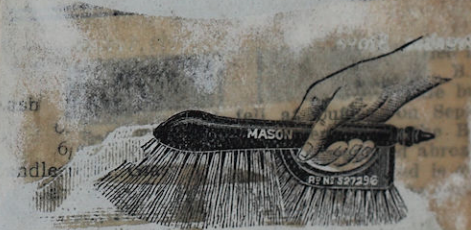
Five arrivals last Monday make the number of patients forty-four. The newcomers are Lance-Sergeant F. Thackray, 10th Yorks. and Lancs.; L.-Cpl. J. W. Bleasdale, 8th Border Regiment; Corporal C. H. Billingham, A.S.C.; Private A. C. Morris, 16th R. Scots, and Corporal P. Daniels, 2nd S. Lancs., of whom one is a medical, and the rest are surgical cases.

The only "treat" during the week was a motor run. Mr. Scott (Mellor) took some of the men.

Mrs. R. Hambleton (Mellor) sent a donation of £10 8s. 6d., which amount had been realised by selling ices, which scheme she organised and carried out with the above excellent result. Miss Wheeldon sent half-a-guinea from her collecting box, Mrs. Haslam four shillings (monthly), and the weavers of the Big Shed, Compstall Mills, seven shillings and sixpence (second instalment).

Mrs. Woodhouse sent flowers and vegetables, Mrs. Spencer biscuits, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Harrison cigarettes, Mr. T. T. Fawcett six new gramophone records, Marple Bridge Wesleyan Chapel, Compstall Wesleyan Chapel, and the Y.M.C.A., Stone Row, sent fruit, flowers and vegetables, all greatly appreciated. Mr. Lomas sent three tongues, a delicacy enjoyed by the patients.

The B.R.C.S. has published an account of its Auxiliary Hospitals for 1915, or rather for 815 out of a possible 1,347. The request only came in January this year for these accounts, and so some hospitals were unable to comply with it. Cheshire had 1,649 beds, and treated 7,635 patients; it had 46 hospitals, Kent and Lancashire only having more in 1915. The average cost per patient per week varied considerably in the different counties, ranging from fifteen and twopence in Brecknock to £2 6s. in London City. Cheshire average was £1 7s. 1d., a high one in the list, and not raised by Brabyns, which kept its patients for £1 1s. 5d. a week.



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Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital.

There is nothing to report of the forty-four patients except that they are progressing as well as their different wounds and illnesses permit. The convalescents report that the tents are standing the weather better, and certainly they have been put to some severe tests recently.

Twelve patients and some nurses enjoyed a wounded soldiers' matinee, on Friday, at the Manchester Hippodrome, an anonymous friend paying railway fares. On Thursday week Mrs. Sewell gave a picnic at Middlewood, where 29 patients and some nurses were driven, and had an enjoyable afternoon, in beautiful weather. Some of the bed patients were able to go, as it meant no walking, and to them it was a great treat.

Gifts include 35 eggs per Mr. Partington school-children's collection), 19 eggs from Scout Allan Somerset, a dozen lbs. sugar from Mrs. Shand, cigarettes from Mrs. Sewell, fruit from Mrs. Grainger, and fruit, vegetables, and flowers from Marple Primitive Methodists.

The weavers from the Big Shed, Compstall Mill, sent six shillings and twopence (third collection), per Miss B. Knowles. Mr. Bird and Mr. Hargraves sent monthly donations, and Mr. J. H. Stott sent twenty-eight pounds, four shillings and sixpence, being the proceeds of a sacred concert organised and carried through by him inspite of difficulties. We are very much obliged to him and his helpers, and to the Longsight Operatic Choral Society, for giving their services, and so substantially swelling the funds of the hospital.

Some weeks ago letters were published in this paper from the War Office and Joint Committees of the B.R.C.S. and St. J.A.A., appealing for women to volunteer for hospital work of all kinds. Lords Stanley and Banbury have now written from the joint societies, saying what a good response there has been, and that for the present their needs are satisfied. At the same time the writers say they cannot say what further need may arise in the spring, and advise all women and girls who can do so to qualify in nursing during the winter. In this connection attention is again drawn to the fact that Dr. Burton will lecture on First Aid, on Friday evenings, beginning on 29th instant, in the Girls' Institute.

FLAG DAY FOR BRABYNS HOSPITAL.

The following is a list of the collectors on Saturday last, when Brabyns Hospital was the object of financial solicitude and help.

Grand total, £35 10s. 1d.



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BRABYNS AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.
Four departures and four arrivals (too late for press) during the week among the patients keep the number at 44. The choir of St. John's, Chisworth, most kindly gave a concert in the mess-room on Saturday evening. The men attended the Marple Bridge sacred concert on Sunday afternoon; those unable to walk were motored there and back by Mr. Woodhouse, which meant several journeys for him. Most acceptable presents of vegetables, fruit, flowers, and eggs have been sent from the various harvest festivals of All Saints', Marple, St. Paul's, Compstall, the Union Rooms, and Unitarians, Marple, and from the Compstall

Primitive Methodists. Miss H. Brocklehurst sent cigarettes for the men in bed; Mrs. A. Shanks, tea, pancakes, and tomatoes; Miss Sarah Smith, tea; Mr. Coe, tomatoes; Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Grainger, fruit; Mrs. Blood, damsons; Miss Merton (Wetherby), apples and lettuces; Miss Johnson, jelly; Mrs. Sutcliffe, vegetables; Mr. J. Standring, a case of medicated wine; and Mrs. Sinclair, a rubber hot water bottle and three bottles of Oxo. The committee of the Liberal Club have invited the men to game competitions, tea, and a concert on Saturday (30th) in their club.

Sacred Concert at Marple Bridge.

EFFORT FOR BRABYNS.

It was decided a little while ago, about the time, in fact, when the concert arranged by Mr. J. H. Stott, to be given in Marple Recreation Ground, on behalf of Brabyns Hospital, was held, not in the open-air, as had been hoped, but in Trinity Hall, that the Derbyshire side of the district should make a similar effort. Mr. R. S. Royle undertook to carry out the arrangements as representative of the committee which had been formed on behalf of the Hospital. He consulted with Mr. Hamilton Harris, the conductor of the Mellor, Marple and District Choral Society. This, with an enthusiast like Mr. Harris, and a society imbued with like artistic feelings and a like altruistic spirit, is equivalent to saying that an open-air concert on lines similar to those followed at Marple was assured. It took place on Sunday afternoon last, and was signally successful from every point of view. The weather was most delightful. A large crowd assembled in the sloping field which constitutes (probably to the surprise of a good many persons) Marple Bridge Recreation Ground.

A programme containing a perfect selection of classical pieces was rendered with the faultless taste and the unexceptionable proficiency which we associate with the Marple Bridge, Mellor and Marple Society. A splendid speech was made by a distinguished visitor in Mr. Warren, Mayor of Poplar. The collection on the ground yielded an almost surprising, and certainly a gratifying amount; and thus, from all points of view, the effort was as successful as the most sanguine of the promoters, in his most optimistic moments, could have dared to anticipate. Great credit is due to Mr. Royle, an unassuming worthy, but an extremely good one, to Mr. Hamilton Harris and his splendid choir, to the New Mills and Compstall Brass Band, who gave most valuable assistance to Mr. Harold Bird, who was organist, to all who helped in any way, and last, but not least, to the people whose hearts, touched by the combined influence of religion, music, and philanthropic feeling, gave so liberally to the appeal for continued financial support for the local military hospital which is doing such excellent work.

At the close Mr. Royle announced that the proceeds of the afternoon amounted to £30 10s.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

"Benavie," Station-road, has been taken for the winter, as an annexe to Brabyns, and it is hoped when this appears in print the necessary removals will have been accomplished. The order is for the tent to be pitched. The patients by air inform- beds now, adopted as in charge, early sup-

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The Liberal Club entertained thirty-seven men to games, tea, and a concert, for which professional artistes were engaged, last Saturday. The patients unable to walk were sent for in taxis, and everyone of them had a splendid time. There was a show of prizes won at the games at the hospital afterwards.

Sixteen patients went to a wounded soldiers' matinee at the Palace, on Friday, an anonymous friend paying railway fares.

Mr. Scott (Mellor) took three men a motor run on Sunday. Medical men have said it hastens the cure by twenty-five per cent to give the men drives. Last week we should have said Mr. Percy Woodhead motored the men to and from the sacred concert, and are sorry to have had his name wrong.

Mr. W. H. Lomas has given the hospital the handsome sum of £64 12s. 11d., as the result

of the combined efforts of a committee who organised a flag day and concert; the latter realised £32 5s. 4d., and the former £32 7s. 7d. We are deeply indebted to them and all friends for these and similar efforts made on our behalf, especially as we have received requests from 2nd Western General Hospital to keep up our present number of men, and not to reduce for the winter, as had been thought possible.

The latest arrivals are Private Quick, Middlesex, Higher Grade A.B.; M. Lewy, Roy. Nav. Division, Howe Battalion; Corporal P. W. Robins, Machine Gun Corps; Private H. Hulme, ditto; Lance-Corporal P. W. Manning, 4th City of London, R.Fus.; Pte. E. and sixpence Byrne, R.A.M.C.; Private A. V. Ford, 13th Northumberland Fusiliers; Corporal J. Walker, 10th Lincoln; Corporal J. Sexton, R.E. Spec. Brigade. They are mostly wounded. Corporal Sexton has his leg amputated. There has been only one discharge, the men numbering forty-four.

Donations have been received from Mr. F. Taylor and Mr. Kershaw, also two pounds from anon. Miss Dora Whiteley (Marple Bridge, sent a splendid collection of cigarettes, 2,400; fruit and vegetables were sent by the Marple Congregationalists from Mellor (name lost), and fruit by Miss Cresswell and Mrs. Grainger. In another paragraph will be seen a small account of "Our Day," and the reason for keeping it again.

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Gifts during the week to the hospital were—vegetables from the Congregationalists, from Mrs. P. Woodhouse and Mrs. Middleton Hill; eggs, tomatoes and vegetables from Mrs. C. Scott; bread from Mrs. Rothwell, cigarettes from Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Yates, operation stockings and socks from Marple Sewing Party, four pyjama suits from ditto at Strines, socks (donor unknown), two rubber hot water bottles from Mrs. Armitage Bennett, sweets from Mrs. Harvey, slippers from Mrs. Penny. A semi-billiard table given by funds collected through Mr. Laird (our organiser of entertainments) and his committee, is a source of the greatest pleasure to the patients; even the amputated cases enjoy the game, and manage wonderfully, with the aid of their crutches. Donations were received from the Compstall Spinners, one guinea; Miss Johnson, anon., ten shillings; Nurse E. Pott; and Compstall Mill Weavers (Big Shed), fourth instalment, six shillings and eightpence, per Miss B. Knowles. Mr. Frank Barlow is kindly making himself responsible for the rent of the annexe, and cost of removal, in addition to contributing to current expenses.

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"Our Day."

The Flag Day in aid of the wounded abroad realised £26 15s. The local hon. sec., B.R.C.S., has received zeppelin wire from the burning machine that fell at Cuffley, on September 3rd. The War Office sent it to the B.R.C.S. to be sold, in aid of the wounded abroad; the wire is a shilling each piece, and is guaranteed by the Red Cross Society to be genuine.

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and Copper, Nickel-plated outside.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

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Gifts or loans of fenders, easy chairs, chests of drawers will be acceptable; offers should first be made to the hon. sec., Springfield, Station-road. Twelve men were discharged during the week, and there have been eleven arrivals—the latter too late for press.

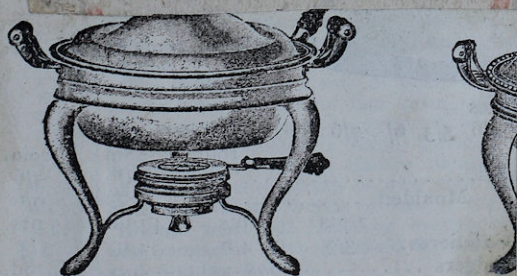
Messrs. Mayall and Massey, at Woodley, invited seventeen of our men to tea and an entertainment last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Pickles also had some of them one day to their house to tea, and on Wednesday 12, accompanied by nurses, went to the Ardwick Empire Wounded Soldiers' Matinee. Mr. Scott (Mellor), again kindly took three men a motor run on Sunday.

Gifts received include pillow-cases from Mrs. Hagan; bed-socks from Miss Buck; pyjamas, night and day shirts, bed jackets, pillow-cases from the Marple Red Cross Sewing Party, through Mrs. Beard; fruit, eggs, and vegetables from St. Sebastian's, and fruit, bread, and vegetables from Strines harvest thanksgivings; 19 eggs from Scout Allen, Somerset; and bread from Mrs. Rothwell.

Donations have been received from Mrs. Parker Smith and Miss Righton. The weavers of Compstall Mill sent seven shillings and sixpence, through Miss B. Knowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, of Strines, have considerably enlarged our account at the bank by raffling two valuable bull dogs on our behalf. For weeks they coped with applications for tickets from all parts of the Kingdom, from the Navy, and from Canada, with the result that a cheque for one hundred pounds and sixpence has been handed to us. With tickets at only one shilling each, the labour and time involved to have reached this magnificent total can well be imagined.

The public is reminded of "Our Day," (on the 14th inst.), the flag day throughout the Empire of the B.R.C.S. and St. J.A.A., for the purpose of raising funds for the sick and wounded abroad. A notice appears elsewhere in this paper.



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The latest patients to arrive were—Corporal Isaiah Grist, Scottish Rifles; Gunner H. Jackson, R.G.A., East Cheshires; Driver W. F. Lilley, A.S.C.; Rifleman F. Mack, 16th London; and Privates F. Hopkins, M.G.C.; J. Burton, 19th Canadians; S. Dempsey, 1st Irish Guards; H. Fordham, E. Surrey; W. Wigley, M.G.C.; S. Brierley, 7th W. Riding; H. Hulme, M.G.C.; G. E. Lock, 10th Lincoln; H. Cook, 12th Devon; and Sergeant R. Drew, 4th Canadians. There are forty-four patients, fourteen of whom are at the annexe, which receives the more convalescent among them; at the present time there are a great many cot cases, and the total number of patients up to date is 306.

Gifts during the week to the hospital were—vegetables from the Congregationalists, from Mrs. P. Woodhouse and Mrs. Middleton Hill; eggs, tomatoes and vegetables from Mrs. C. Scott; bread from Mrs. Rothwell, cigarettes from Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Yates, operation stockings and socks from Marple Sewing Party, four pyjama suits from ditto at Strines, socks (donor unknown), two rubber hot water bottles from Mrs. Armitage Bennett, sweets from Mrs. Harvey, slippers from Mrs. Penny. A semi-billiard table given by funds collected through Mr. Laird (our organiser of entertainments) and his committee, is a source of the greatest pleasure to the patients; even the amputated cases enjoy the game, and manage wonderfully, with the aid of their crutches. Donations were received from the Compstall Spinners, one guinea; Miss Johnson, anon., ten shillings; Nurse E. Pott; and Compstall Mill Weavers (Big Shed), fourth instalment, six shillings and eightpence, per Miss B. Knowles. Mr. Frank Barlow is kindly making himself responsible for the rent of the annexe, and cost of removal, in addition to contributing to current expenses.

The St. John's choir, Charlesworth, gave a concert on Saturday evening. Mr. Scott (Mellor) took three a motor run on Sunday, and on Wednesday twelve patients, in charge of Sister and two nurses, went to a matinee at the Ardwick Empire. Gifts to the annexe include—kitchen fender, Mrs. J. Ferguson; messroom fender, Mr. Braddock; small fender and strip of carpet, Miss Eskregge; sitting-room (staff), carpet, Mrs. G. Sugden; two beds, two chests, and washstands, chairs, fender, crockery and two carpets, Mrs. Conan; bath corks, Messrs. James Travis and Co. and Miss Richardson; water bottle, Mr. Dawson. In addition the following have been lent:—pictures by Mr. and Mrs. Paton; chest of drawers, Mrs. Middleton Hill; table, Mrs. Pritchard; beds, Mrs. Hargreaves and Mr. Helme; lounge chair, Mrs. Standring.

"Our Day."

The Flag Day in aid of the wounded abroad realised £26 15s. The local hon. sec., B.R.C.S., has received zeppelin wire from the burning machine that fell at Cusley, on September 3rd. The War Office sent it to the B.R.C.S. to be sold, in aid of the wounded abroad; the wire is a shilling each piece, and is guaranteed by the Red Cross Society to be genuine.

3 pints, 29/3

and Copper, Nickel-plated outside.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

Over 400 circulars were despatched for this fund. Just one-fourth of the recipients have contributed, with the result that £62 7s. has been raised, which will be increased by "promises" not yet to hand. The initial response has been so truly splendid that it is found unnecessary to continue solicitations, and it is hoped that ladies and gentlemen who have received circulars and have not been called upon, will kindly note the circumstances. We tender our gratitude to the donors, appended below, and again assure them that judicious application of the monies will be our first thought—the maximum of pleasure with the minimum of cost. This fund is worked in accordance with the requirements of the Army Charities' Act, 1916. We have had the loan of a semi-billiard table kindly proffered by Councillor J. T. Pott, which, even after the cost of re-covering, will be a considerable saving to the fund. ParLOUR games, etc., requiring skill, will be provided, and competitions held each week, prizes of nominal value being given to add zest and interest. A concert, under the auspices of the fund, will be held each week. Another will be held weekly held each week. Another will be provided weekly by Mrs. F. H. Taylor, of Marple Bridge, who for the last two years has entertained the soldiers. Mr. H. C. Parkes, of Marple Bridge, has offered a concert each month. Mr. Hamilton Harris and Colonel Wainwright will each provide "talent" for an evening. Many artists, local and otherwise, have offered their assistance. Several visiting instrumentalists have promised to entertain, and these will be particularly acceptable for the entertaining of "cot cases." The soldiers will have reserved seats at all the theatres, etc., in Manchester, the only cost being the rail fare. There will be one or two whist drives, and a Christmas party, on the same lines as last year. With this syllabus we are sure that those who have supported this movement will feel satisfied that their sincere desires for the wounded men here are likely to culminate. If any of the gentlemen not waited upon would like to send us cigarettes for consumption at the entertainments they would be very acceptable. List of subscribers:—

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| | W. BARRATT, Secretary. |

Remarkable Effort by a Strines Gentleman.

MODERN VERSION OF "THE TWO DOGS."

Lively Description and Touching Verses.

Mr. Richard Pearson, of Springfield Villa, Strines, must be happy indeed at the success which has rewarded his incessant labour of the past month. The authorities of Brabyns Hospital must likewise be elated through the splendid augmentation of their funds, consequent upon this effort. Mr. Pearson is a lover, and also a well-known judge, of the canine species, especially bull dogs. He had two of these to which he was greatly attached. Expressing a desire to his good lady that he would like to make a sacrifice for those maimed lads at Brabyns, she suggested that parting with the pets would amply meet the case. No sooner suggested than acted upon, and Mr. Pearson forthwith instituted a "raffle" (or to use a phrase appeasing the puritanical — "a co-operative purchase") these dogs, are of no mean intrinsic value. The well-known periodical "Our Dogs" gave prominence to the matter, with the result that through them and the co-operation of Mr. Pearson's numerous friends and acquaintances, 2,133 tickets, at 1s. each, were disposed of. A tornado of postal orders swept into Strines. Night after night Mr. Pearson was to be found surrounded by documents, the answer to each being executed in his usual systematic manner. Applications came from many classes of society, lawyers and parsons, merchants and clerks, publicans and sinners, sweeps and clerks, pilots of aeroplanes and men on submarines and trawlers, army officers and privates, and so "ad libitum." Almost every letter breathed sympathy with the movement, and a desire for a glorious success. When Mr. Pearson rolled down his shirt sleeves on Saturday night last the magnificent sum of £100 0s. 6d. was at the disposal of our excellent hospital: "Some" sum, as the Yankee would say. The draw took place on Saturday evening last, at the house of the donor of the dogs, and present were the Rev. Canon Drury, the beloved and broad-minded pastor at Strines; the staff of "Our Dogs," and gentlemen representing the "Fancy." The Canon drew for one dog, and Mrs. Pearson for the other. The fortunate winners of these animals, which each, figuratively speaking, carried £50 0s. 6d. on its broad back, were—
Dog—No. 640, E. SLEIGH,
Jubilee Cottage, Shipton, Winslow, Bucks.
Bitch, No. 148, J. WATERS,
51, Lever Grove, Bolton.

Mr. Pearson is a man who oft does good by stealth, and now—although he abhors publicity—will find himself famous. Wholehearted and sympathetic actions are always revered, and Mr. Pearson's effort is worthy of public acknowledgment. All who know him will extend their heartiest felicitations to him and his wife, who have figured in this splendidly patriotic incident.

Yer've served yer King and Country—in the past yer did yer "bit";
It's years since last yer were astride—astride an army "tit";
Yer still knows an' loves our soldier, that chap o' real grit,
An' yer knows when in a corner the lad is simply "IT".

Don't yer, Dick?

As a judge o' dogs yer famous, an' really 'ard to beat,
The bull-pups yer special fancy, yer fancy quite complete,
'Cos he's beautifully ugly, an' fer courage he's a treat,
'Cos, like Tommy, slow ter anger, takes death before defeat.

Don't 'e, Dick?

Yer 'ad two of these beauties, with noses badly dinged,
Ter part with them, well really, yer must 'ave felt untinged;
But yer made a real sacrifice, an' never even cringed.
For that lad who's really been through hell, an' come back badly singed.

Bless ye, Dick!

WALTER BARRATT.

There are fourteen at interest, and Thanks to equipped, for the hall and towel Mayall and chair, Mr. Kent a low of the Str of £3 5s. 0 Mill sent B. Know, a scripion, a collecting gave a h abling us kind were Dawson, I party on S from Mrs. eggs (don Yarwood. Mr. A. signment ent was hospital, massue, thus help wounded Gifts of such as f be apprec Last Sa and another went to Bradshaw patients 25th, driv enjoyment run on S Lady S cretonne the use of Full part Red Cross

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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

There are forty-four patients as last week—fourteen at the annexe, in which they take great interest, and where they helped to remove. Thanks to gifts and loans, the annexe is well equipped, except for a strip of carpet or linoleum for the hall, a few cushions for the mess room, and towel rails. The employees of Messrs. Mayall and Massey (Woodley) sent a dack chair, Mr. G. Waine a desk chair, and Mr. T. Kent a lounge chair. The staff and employees of the Strines Printing Works sent a donation of £3 5s. 0d., the weavers (big shed) Compstall Mill sent six shillings and eightpence, per Miss B. Knowles. Mrs. Sewell paid her monthly subscription, and two shillings was received from a collecting box per Mr. Holt. Mrs. T. Mills gave a hundred-weight of sugar, thereby enabling us to have it duty free. Other gifts in kind were apples and vegetables from Mr. Dawson, Eggs and flowers from the concert party on Saturday, per Mrs. Hartley, currants from Mrs. Grainger, tongues from Mr. Sharples, eggs (donor unknown), and cakes from Nurse Yarwood.

Mr. A. K. Johnson sent another large consignment of notepaper and envelopes (the last sent was early in August), for the use of the hospital. Miss Bridge, a professional masseuse, is kindly giving her services, and thus helping to alleviate pain and stiffness in wounded limbs.

Gifts or loans of carpentering requisites, such as fretsaws, small saw, and chisels would be appreciated.

Last Saturday a good concert was provided, and another on Wednesday. Twelve patients went to the Palace Matinee, on the 18th; Mr. Bradshaw Isherwood had three of the crippled patients to dinner at Marple Hall, on the 25th, driving them there and back—part of the enjoyment. Mr. Scott took four men a motor run on Sunday.

Lady Smith Dorrien appeals for 80,000 cretonne or strong unbleached linen bags for the use of the wounded in hospitals abroad. Full particulars may be had from the local hon. Red Cross secretary.

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Two patients from the annexe (Benavie, Station-road), have been discharged to a convalescent hospital, otherwise there have been no changes. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw Isherwood again kindly invited three crippled patients to dinner, and drove them to and from Marple Hall. The Mellor Golf Club sent a donation of one pound per Mr. J. B. Davies; Mrs. Crozier, mother of an Australian patient, sent three guineas in return for the kindness being shown to her son here; the weavers of the Big Shed, Compstall Mill, sent seven shillings and threepence per Miss B. Knowles. Gifts in kind received during the week were—currants, from Mrs. Grainger; a large quantity of apples, from Mrs. Cuffley; bread, from Mrs. Rothwell; cigarettes, from the Strines Red Cross Sewing Meeting, which visited the hospital on Monday, and intends to provide two beds with clothes required for the occupants; magazines, from Mrs. Fitzmaurice; socks, from Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sutcliffe (Marple), and Miss D. Middleton Hill; flowers, from Mrs. Stafford (Moor End, Mellor); four pyjama suits from the Poynton Helpers' Union, per Mrs. W. B. Hodgkinson; bread, from Mrs. Rothwell; a zither, from Mrs. Shephern, for the annexe, where a piano on hire was sent by Mr. Laird and his committee.—Mrs. Penny sent

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Entertainment Fund.

This fund has been augmented with donations from Messrs. W. Lillie, E. Rottenschweiler, and Charles Scott, £1 1s. each; A. Simon £1, H. Steele 10s 6d., Messrs. C. S. Hudson, A. J. Sinclair, W. A. Ward, and Harold Wilson 10s. each; Mrs. Hawley, Messrs. A. Pickles and B. W. Shepherd, 5s. each; making a total to date of £70 0s. 6d. Table billiard bowls have been sent by Mr. J. Thompson, a parcel of music from Mr. J. C. Hibbert, new gramophone records from Mr. G. Everatt (6), Mr. and Mrs. Jenkinson (2), and Mrs. Townsend (1). A piano has been hired for use at the annexe, for the period of occupation.

CONCERT AT BRABYNS HOSPITAL.

On Wednesday night, as is stated in the weekly report of the hon. secretary, Miss Fox, a concert was given to the patients at Brabyns by artistes whose services had been secured by the three gentlemen who are doing such splendid work in their way, namely, Mr. S. L. Laird, Mr. Walter Barratt, and Mr. Fawcett. Readers know, from previous reports, how praiseworthy these gentlemen have acted in this very useful, indeed almost essential feature of hospital work. The therapeutic value of music is generally recognised, and if that is the case in regard to hospital work in ordinary circumstances, how much more necessary it must be in the case of the gallant men who have been through the ordeal of modern battles! It is unnecessary to say more in recognition of the services of the three friends engaged, and they would not thank us to say more. It is without their sanction that we have said this much. They have their reward in the pleasure given to the patients. The following were the main items in Wednesday night's programme (a specimen, by the way, of Mr. Barratt's artistic skill in this line):—Song, "Pals," Mr. Brain; song, Miss Poyser; dulcimer solo, Mr. Thompson; humorous recitation, "Nomination Day," Mr. Brain; song, "There's a land," and "The long, long trail," Mr. Rawcliffe; song, "Come, sing to me," Miss Barratt; humorous duet, "The two beggars," Messrs. Rawcliffe and Brain; song, "A friend o mine," Miss Poyser; recitation, "Kissing Cup," Mr. Brain; humorous duet, "Keys o Heaven," Miss Barratt and Mr. Rawcliffe; dulcimer solo, Mr. Thompson; song, "Roll on," Mr. Brain; song, "Sincerity," Miss Barratt; humorous duet, "Tenor and Baritone," Messrs. Rawcliffe and Brain; song "Songs of Araby," Mr. Rawcliffe; accompanist, Miss M. Budge; chairman, Mr. S. L. Laird. There were several additions to the foregoing. Sergt.-Major Bateman, of Marple a most welcome visitor, gave in fine style a recitation illustrative of American humour. There were encores galore, and the artistes only too gladly complied. During the evening two prizes, won on Tuesday night at a billiard handicap (played on a table given by Mr. J. T. Pott) were presented by Mr. Laird to Corporal Crowther (1st), and Lance-Corporal Barley (2nd). The first named neatly thanked the organisers for their trouble, and said they had a highly successful and very entertaining evening. Lance Corporal Barley, in accepting his present, said with happy humour, which his comrades appreciated, "I deserve it." It was a nice evening for everyone, patients, nurses, visitors, artistes (who thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as well as bestowing enjoyment).

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Mrs. W. E. Hodgkinson; bread, from Mrs. Rothwell; a zither, from Mrs. Shephern, for the annexe, where a piano on hire was sent by Mr. Laird and his committee.—Mrs. Penny sent 60 yards of unbleached calico, also linen labels and tape, for making bags for the use of the wounded in hospitals abroad. This will be cut out in St. Martin's Library, and given out on Saturday morning (4th), to anyone undertaking to make them. The name of our voluntary masseuse is Miss Budge, not Miss Bridge, as was stated last week. Through the sale of Zeppelin wire, the proceeds of "Our Day," have been augmented by 25s., and now amount to £28 0s. 8d.

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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.—Four men were discharged during the week, and three new patients were sent in, viz., Gunner N. Price, Driver E. S. Mackie, both R.F.A., and Sapper H. Clements, R.E. Seventeen of the 45 patients went to a matinee at the Palace on Friday in last week; on Wednesday, there was a concert at Brabyns; and on Saturday thirteen patients went to an entertainment given at Brebury by the employees of Messrs. Ward's hat factory. Mrs. Souttar sent magazines, Mr. Croft four pairs of warm ward shoes, and Mr. Dawson parsnips, and watercress. Warm dressing gowns are needed, and will be gratefully accepted. Donations received were 12s. 6d. from the Bredbury Hat factory, surplus from travelling expenses paid by them for the patients; 7s. 6d. from the weavers of the Big Shed, Compstall; £1 ls. from the ladies of the Mellor Golf Club, per Mrs. Hugill; and a monthly subscription from Mr. and Mrs. Hargraves. Mr. F. Barlow sent a donation of fifty pounds for expenses incurred by the taking of an annexe, and which are of necessity extras to the current expenses of the hospital. These include such things as rent, coal, gas, cost of removal, blinds, etc. Nurse Yarwood has kindly offered her services as masseuse until her next engagement begins—there is plenty of work for her and Miss Budge at present.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

WEEKLY REPORT.

The following is this week's very interesting report regarding the Auxiliary Military Hospital at Brabyns Hall, Marple:—Four new patients arrived on Sunday. Their names and regiments are:—Private Woolfenden, Royal Fusiliers; Pte. Webster, 1-8 Irish King's Liverpool; Sergeant Treasure, 22nd Manchesters; and Gunner Bacon, R.G.A. Anti Aircraft Co. There have been no discharges nor transfers during the week, and the hospital again has its full complement of 45 patients. The arrangements devised by the entertainment committee are now in full swing. On Tuesday, 7th, a flying billiard handicap kept the men pleasantly excited and amused; two modest prizes added zest to their game. On Wednesday, 8th, a concert was given in the evening, which made an excellent finish-up to that day as, in the afternoon, a number of the patients had been invited to Strines by Mrs. Gray and the Red Cross Working Party, who entertained the men to a whist drive. Perhaps the activity of the Entertainment Committee, which has aroused the most interest among the soldiers, is the series of lantern lectures which has been arranged. On the 9th the inaugural lecture was given by Councillor T. A. Edwards, F.R.G.S. The lecture was entitled "From Capetown to Pretoria," and during the course of his racy and most interesting discourse Mr. Edwards showed nearly 100 slides, made from photographs taken by himself during his travels. Mr. F. Gee skilfully overcame some small difficulties in connection with the arrangements for supplying the lantern with gas, and his services during the evening were greatly appreciated, for much depends upon a lanternist if the quality of the lantern slides are to have full justice done to them. The modest expenses of an entertainment of this character seems thoroughly to justify drawing upon the entertainment fund for such purposes. Those who witnessed the absorbed attention of the men during the lecture can testify to this. More lectures from Councillor Edwards and other gentlemen are already promised.

A quoits and darts competition took place on Monday, the 13th, and small prizes were given to the winners. A concert was arranged for the annexe, on Wednesday, 15th.

Donations and gifts were—6s. 6d. from the weavers of the Big Shed, Compstall; a camel-hair bedcover from Mrs. Sinclair; watercress from Mrs. Dawson; marmalade from Mrs. Conan; a pair of blankets from Mrs. Howles; and apples from Mrs. Chifley.

Miss Scanlan, who has been matron since April, volunteered for active service, and left the hospital this week. Her successor is expected to arrive shortly, and during the interregnum Mrs. Wallace Hague has kindly offered her help.

MARPLE.

BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT FUND.—The following amounts have been received since last announcement: Mr. S. B. Brown, £2 2s.; Mr. T. Plant, £2 2s.; Mr. A. Taylor, £1 1s; Messrs. H. and J. E. Buckley, 10s. 6d.; part proceeds of concert and dramatic recital, held in the Girls' Institute, on Nov. 11th, £10; making a total to date of £85 16s.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.—Thirteen patients have been discharged during this week, either on furlough or to Convalescent Hospitals. The Brabyns Annexe Hospital was favoured by having its own concert, and also Mrs. Taylor's games evening; while the Hospital proper enjoyed very thoroughly a lantern lecture on Venice, by Mr. E. Marriott, Quartermaster; a concert, and a billiard competition. A donation of £5 has been received from the War Relief Collections Committee, Manchester; one of three guineas from the staff and employees at Strines Printworks; and one of 5s. 6d. again from the weavers of Big Shed, Compstall Mill. Other gifts have included a box of puzzles from Mr. E. Braddock; playing cards and blankets, anon.; from the Marple Working Party, 4 bed jackets and 4 doz. bags; from Strines Working Party, a first instalment of articles, which will be given in full later; from Mrs. Grainger, currants, raisins and egg powder; Miss Waine, socks, jelly, gram needles; Mrs. Blood, fish; Mrs. Shepherd, two chairs; Mrs. Eaton, swedes.

The Red Cross Auction at Marple.

About £1,000 Realised.

We understand that the sale at Marple Smithfield on Saturday, conducted by Mr. Brady, is expected to realise about £1,000. At least that, we presume, will be the result from all sources: donations, sales, refreshments, etc. The sale "shaped" well from the beginning, bad as was the day. Any observer would have guessed from the outset some hundreds of pounds. A thousand is a most agreeable surprise, and it is a result most creditable to the committees and the scores of other ladies and gentlemen who have helped in the effort. In our inside pages will be found an account of the proceedings, and list of the donors, members of committees, etc. It was not practicable to get on the spot more than a portion of the prices realised, or more than a few only of the names of the buyers. Perhaps a full list will be available later.

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BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

During the week 12 patients were discharged or transferred. The new arrivals are—Sapper Quinn, R.E.; Private Hull, 1st Northants; Pte. Hackette, 28th Canadians; Pte. Cogdell, 1st Glosters N.G. Company; Rifleman Pullin, 1st London Rifle Brigade; Pte. Sheeran, 18th Highland Light Infantry; Rifleman Delf, 1st 9th London Regiment; Pte. Fowler, 11th Essex; Pte. Lowther, 4th Yorks; Pte. Snelgrove, 10th Lanes. Fusiliers. On the 23rd Councillor Edwards gave the second of his series of lectures on "Travels in Africa," and it was enjoyed just as heartily as the first of the series. Mr. Gee again kindly giving his services at the lantern. Nov. 25th was quite a memorable day for the patients. In the afternoon they had a most enjoyable entertainment at the Liberal Club, and came back with many mementoes and souvenirs, and in the evening at the Hospital they were diverted by the Godley Singing Class. A quoits and darts competition was arranged for Monday evening, and Mr. Laird also brought some entertainers along. Many of the patients are now busy with various forms of arts and crafts, including embroidery and knitting. Gifts of all kinds of tools and materials would be welcome. Some of the patients who are confined to bed, have taken up knitting with great interest. Wool is required to keep their busy fingers supplied. On Friday, the 24th, an official inspection took place, and Captain Wharton seemed very well pleased and satisfied with the provisions made for the medical treatment, and the general comfort and good health of the patients.

Donations during the week have been 5s. 6d. from Miss Coe, and several small items from various sources. Messrs. Lomas and Sons sent three tongues, and Mrs. Grainger sent raisins. Other gifts were—tea, from Miss Smith; bread, from Mrs. Rothwell; night-shirts and pyjamas from the Marple Sewing Meeting; night-shirts, collars, bed-jackets, and pockets, from Mrs. Barlow's Red Cross Sewing Party; slippers, from the Poynton Sewing Party; cauliflowers, from Mrs. Lenthall; small cushions and cotton material, from Mr. S. B. Brown. Slippers are asked for, soft ones preferable, all sizes. Miss Purdie, who comes to us with excellent credentials from Westminster Hospital, is now installed as Sister-in-Charge.

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Sister Purdie
arrives

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A MUSICAL TREAT AT MARPLE.**A DISAPPOINTMENT FOR THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**

On Saturday evening, at the Girls' Institute, Marple, a concert, pronounced to be one of the best ever given in the village, was held to augment the funds existing for our unfortunate interned prisoners in Germany, and for providing a Marple bed in a Serbian hospital. It was arranged privately by Mr. Walter Barratt with, also, another object, that of giving a musical feast, and an evening's diversion to the wounded men at Brabyns, and the nurses, etc., connected therewith. The men had looked forward to this concert with extraordinary interest, and talked daily of the event, but unfortunately, on Saturday morning, they were disappointed. The War Office, last week, issued new regulations, which rendered it impossible for the soldiers to attend. Miss Hudson made earnest solicitation for a concession, without avail. Not only the soldiers, but Miss Hudson, the nurses, and those in the Institute, were much disappointed.

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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The annexe is the chief point of interest in this week's report. It has been found better, as winter came on, to put it on an independent footing in the matter of food, and the patients at the annexe now have their meals there. Mrs. Knollys has kindly volunteered to act as cook-housekeeper, and thus solved a great difficulty, and made the new arrangement possible. Ten patients have been discharged during the week and five have been admitted. Their names are Private Benyon, 1/9 Manchesters; Todd, R.F.A.; Young, Northumberland Fusiliers; Holmes, 10th Royal Dublin Fusiliers; Crossland, 2nd Manchesters. On the 29th, Mr. James Shaw delivered an extremely interesting lantern lecture on "The Austrian Alps," and showed a series of remarkably beautiful slides made from photographs taken by himself. Mr. Gee again kindly gave his services at the lantern. The annexe had a concert on the 30th ult., arranged by the Entertainment Committee, and on Monday, at Brabyns, a billiard handicap took place. The concert at the Girl's Institute had been looked forward to with such great interest by the patients, that it was a keen disappointment for them that, owing to new and very strict rules issued by the War Office, they were not allowed to be present, although a special appeal was made to the Central Hospital authorities to allow them. Mr. Ryder Boys kindly came down on a flying visit, and recited for the men at Brabyns. Donations include 14s. collected at a social evening at Mr. and Mrs. Hartleys and 9s. 1d. from the weavers of the big shed at Compstall. The annexe has received the following:—A mincing machine from Mr. Arnall, kitchen-table from Mrs. Shand, flowers from Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Blood, fruit from Mr. Dawson, vegetables and groceries from Mrs. Knollys, cakes from Mrs. Meek, chess and draught boards from Mr. Hargreaves. The hospital has also received mincemeat from Mrs. Sutcliffe, and jam from Mrs. Beard.

The Hall was well filled with a fashionable audience, who were regaled with melody of an exceptional nature. It was truly a musical feast. The tasteful decorations, and the environment generally, lent glamour to the occasion. A sum of perhaps £17 will be handed over to the funds concerned, as a result. The expenses were not high, owing to the fact that a Marple gentleman generously discharged the expenses of the artistes, etc., which must have been a considerable item, considering the talent, and this gentleman must have felt gratified at the excellent attendance there to further the deserving funds. Thanks are due to the Ladies' Committee, and those who helped in so many directions, for their efforts; to Mr. T. T. Pawcett for his untiring energy and assistance, to Messrs. C. Wright, S. L. Laird, E. Y. Terry, and Mr. Geo. H. Bourne. Incidentally Mr. Ryder Boys, who had come gratuitously and patriotically to entertain the "boys," went over to the Hall, and fulfilled his desires. Other artistes expressed themselves willing to do the same, and had not the army notice been so sudden, arrangements would have been made for all to have gone at intervals, but Brabyns boys may yet be able to hear some of them.

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The following patients were sent in during the week:—Lance-corporal T. A. Spinks (1st Essex), Sergeant J. Walleit (R.F.A.), Gunner J. F. Marsden (R.H.A.), Bombardier T. P. Lunt (R.F.A.), Sapper E. W. Fothergill (R.E.), Able Seaman D. Fraser (R.N.D.), and Privates E. Hulloch (D.L.I.), and P. Buckley (Irish Guards.) They were suffering from gunshot and shrapnel wounds, and six are cot cases. The patients number 45.

Red Cross nurses are taking night as well as day duty, and Sister Hague has been helping by relieving sisters as occasion required. Gifts received include £10 from Mrs. Hallam part proceeds of an autumn Fair held by her at St. Martin's Schools in aid of our hospital and the blind. Some of the patients went to watch some dancing by the school children, which made a feature of the fair. Mr. and Mrs. Hartley sent 14s. from a collection they made at a social evening. Dr. F. G. Allan, who examined the First Aid candidates gave his fee, and the weavers at the big shed, Compstall Mill, sent 5s. 3d. Mrs. Drury sent 12 pillow cases, two helpless case shirts, four pairs ward shoes, and four pairs of socks from the Strines Sewing Meeting, and also clothes made to our order.

Gifts in kind were 24 handkerchiefs from Mrs. Buck, sausages from Mr. Lomas (butcher), suet (donor unknown), and playing cards from Mr. Hargraves; Mrs. Scott took four men a motor run; other treats were a concert, a whist drive, and a lantern lecture, to all of which the annexe patients came. Mr. Edwards gave an interesting talk on East Africa, to which the views gave an added attraction.

When Benaire, Station-road, was taken over as an annexe, Mr. Smith, Hollins-lane, was asked to paper two rooms, which he did. Mr. Smith has made us a present of his time and materials, and refuses to take any payment whatever.

Gifts to the annexe this week include playing cards and cooked ham from Mrs. Shand, cigarettes from the Misses Shand, ginger cake from Miss Wheeldon, bananas from Mrs. Blood, books and cakes from Mr. Metcalf, magazines from Mrs. Airey and Mr. Hargraves, and a bag of apples from Mrs. Syddall. Ward shoes and warm loose gloves would be acceptable.

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SOLDIERS' TREAT.—There is a "great do" for the soldiers at the Girls' Institute on Boxing Day. All the nurses and soldiers able to be there are going. They are having dinner at 12, whist drive at 2, tea at 4-30, and go to the hall at 5-30 for a concert in the evening. Everyone at Brabyns is full of Boxing Day festivities, and the committee are doing their utmost to make our patriotic lads and lasses very happy.

BRABYNS HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT FUND.—A cheque for £22 2s. for this fund has been received from Mrs. Ashworth, Mellor. The total up to date is £87 18s. With the increasing number of cot cases at Brabyns, the committee are providing the men with wool, materials for glass painting, and fretwork accessories. Joinery tools are being purchased for the use of the convalescent soldiers. Mr. J. F. Pott has lent a joiner's bench. Mr. Marriott, the quartermaster, has undertaken the duty of teaching the men.

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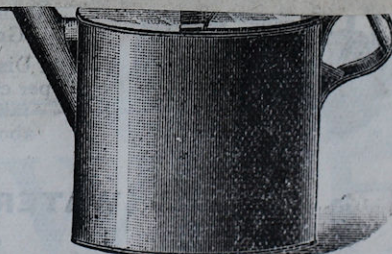
Five men were discharged on Monday, on furlough, so they will spend Christmas in their own homes. The cot cases are making slow but satisfactory progress, and all the patients are looking forward to Christmas, which again—for the third time—it is hoped to make as bright as possible. Mrs. Mills (Stockport) sent three turkeys, and Mrs. Sinclair sent enough mince-pies for everybody. Christmas dinner will be eaten on Christmas Eve, as on Boxing Day all patients well enough to accept are being dined in the Girls' Institute, by the Entertainment Committee. In the afternoon this will be followed by a whist drive, to which Red Cross nurses and cooks have been invited.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Hollingworth entertained some of the patients to tea, games and music, which they much enjoyed. Seventeen patients, Sister MacGregor and two nurses, went to the Palace Theatre, Manchester, to a dress rehearsal of "Cinderella," which was specially arranged for wounded soldiers to attend.

The Misses Blood got up a most excellent entertainment at the Annexe one evening, at which the performers included themselves, the Misses and Mr. Estcourt, the Misses Booth, Heath and Torr, all from Romiley.

The Marple Sewing Party sent seven pyjama suits, slippers, collars and cushions. Mrs. McLaine warm underclothing, and the Congregational Sewing Party four pyjama suits and three woollen night shirts. Mr. and Mrs. Hartley (Romiley) sent a second contribution from a social evening, making a total of twenty-two shillings. Mrs. Hallam sent another sovereign from her "Autumn Fair," making a total of eleven pounds. Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. Keshaw sent their monthly subscription, and the staff and employees of Strines Printworks sent a second donation of £3 2s.

Gifts to the Annexe include linoleum for the Mess Room from several donors, laid down free of charge by Mr. Vernon. It is a great improvement both to the look and comfort of the room, and greatly appreciated by everybody. Mrs. Falconer sent cakes and scones, Mrs. McWenzie magazines, socks, and shoes; Mrs. Blood fruit; Mrs. Bennett writ-pads, pocket cases and tooth-brushes; Mrs. Shand, a plate rack for the kitchen; Miss Day, a box of tangerine oranges; Mrs. C. Scott, plum pudding, mince meat, and jam; Mr. Eglin, cigarettes and oranges; and nuts, from an unknown donor.



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Wounded Soldiers at Marple.

TREAT AT THE GIRLS' INSTITUTE.

Boxing Day was one which will be remembered by the 31 wounded soldiers who were able to attend the festivities held in the Girls' Institute and Brabyns Hall. The institute rooms were delightfully decorated by the Ladies' Committee. The soldiers were there prompt at noon, and all had left any restraint or shyness behind them. The tables were soon laden with comestibles provided by Messrs. Blackshaw and Son, of Stockport, whose catering was all that could be desired. Dinner over, crackers were pulled, and their contents rapidly relegated to their proper destination. Toasts were given by Mr. Laird (Chairman), "The King"; Mr. Terry "Our Hero Guests," Private Lyndon "Miss Hudson," Lance-corporal Barley "The Entertainment Committee, combined with the lady waitresses, stewards, and the donors of gifts (Messrs. A. Thompson, T. Plant, and J. T. Pott.)" Responses were made by Quartermaster Marriott, Lance-corporal Barley, and S. L. Laird. Dinner over, all adjourned to the concert hall for a whist drive, where some 25 nurses in uniform were waiting to participate.

A Very Impressive Scene

It was. Each nurse vied with the other to help the grotesquely adorned soldiers to forget all except pleasure, and it was touching to see the maimed lads moving about oftentimes with difficulty. Fifteen tables were occupied. At 4:30 the gong went for a cessation, and then came the time of interesting curiosity as to results, which were extremely popular. They were as follows:—Ladies: 1st, Nurse Jackson; 2, Sister McGregor; hidden number, Sister Hague. Soldiers: 1st, Private Keast; 2, Private Little; 3, Lance-corporal Barley; 4, Corporal Sexton; 5, Corporal Raybould.

Tea was afterwards served at the whist tables, the lady waitresses being assisted by the stewards (including Captain Atkinson)—who wore aprons, caps, and fantastic adornments—and whose antics and movements caused great hilarity. When the tables were cleared they were removed, and a short dance took place, after which the motor cars took the soldiers to the hall, where they arrived at 5:45. They assembled for a concert in the mess-room, which was tastefully festooned and decorated by the soldiers. The usual procedure of having a set concert was dispensed with, and an impromptu entertainment took place. This innovation was a great success. The artistes were Privates Barley, Lyndon, Hulme, and Barratt, also Misses C. Smith, Boland, and Barratt. The following gentlemen also were entertainers:—Messrs. Winterbottom (humorist), Colonel Wainwright, Marriott, Wright, Laird, Barratt, and Fawcett. The variety was charming, and the choruses vigorous and melodious. The proceedings closed with "Auld Lang Syne." It was a great day. The lady waitresses were Mesdames Fawcett, F. Hague, Barratt, and Wright, and Misses Fawcett, V. Brown, K. Barratt, and D. Latham; stewards, Messrs. Baird, Barratt, Corry, Fawcett, F. Hague, Laird, Parker-Smith, Terry, Thompson, and Wright. Mr. T. Hague kindly lent his car for conveyance of the soldiers.

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Brabyns Military Hospital.

"FATHER CHRISTMAS" OFFICER IN CHARGE.

Christmas, with all its preparation and realisation, is the chief thing to record, for a most festive one was spent here, and at the Annexe, Nurses, Quartermaster, and patients decorated the wards and messrooms very elaborately, which well repaid a visit. In fact, it might almost be said that "Father Christmas" was temporarily

Officer in Charge!

On Christmas Day all the patients and a special tea at Brabyns, followed by games, in which the Hospital Staff and Mrs. Taylor joined. The bed patients were carried to the downstairs room, so as to partake of some of the fun.

Many gifts were received, and if any have not been acknowledged will the donors accept the very grateful thanks of the officer in charge through this paper. The complete list of Christmas gifts is as follows:—Turkeys and sausages from Mrs. Mill, Mrs. Barlow and Mr. and Mrs. Penny; goose from Mrs. Woodhouse; plum pudding from Mrs. Middleton Hill; mincepies from Mrs. Sinclair; mince-meat from Mrs. Sutcliffe; plum pudding, mince meat, and cigarettes, from Mrs. Hirst; apples from Mr. and Mrs. H. Parkes; oranges from the Misses Shand; apples and oranges from Miss Creswell; books and cigarettes from Mrs. Pritchard; the same and fruit from Miss Brocklehurst; cases containing all kinds of fruit from Dr. Storey and Mr. Wallwork; cigars from Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Johnson; fruit from Mrs. Woodson and Nurse E. Pott; mistletoe from Miss Deas; currants from Mrs. Grainger; swedes from Mrs. Heaton; ten shillings from the scholars of Compstall Council School, per Mr. Healey; a donation for fruit from Mr. and Mrs. Hargraves; cake from Mrs. Baird and Misses Wheelodon; cigarettes from Miss D. Whiteley; a Christmas collection of seven shillings and sixpence from New Celar Weavers, Compstall Mills, per Miss Marsland; a pair of blankets from Mrs. Howles (her second gift this winter).

Gifts to the Annexe were plum pudding and mince-meat from Mrs. Scott; tangerines from Miss Day; ham from Mrs. Meek; oranges from Mrs. Gresswell, Mrs. Bevan, Mrs. Hargraves, and the Misses Shand; cigarettes and flags from Mrs. Hirst; cigarettes and books from Mrs. Pritchard; muscatels and apples from Mr. Dawson; holly and decorations from Mrs. Blood; and cakes from Mrs. Baird and Misses Wheelodon.

On Thursday afternoon, 21st inst., seventeen of the patients went to the breaking-up performance at the High School; the same evening the Rev. E. B. Laundry gave a lantern lecture at Brabyns, on

THE LAKE DISTRICT,

with lantern views. On Boxing Day all except the bed patients were entertained to dinner and whist and tea in the Girls' Institute; in the evening there was a concert at Brabyns. Under the auspices of Mrs. Knollys there was a whist drive on Wednesday, at the Annexe, too late for this week's press.

ROYAL MESSAGES.

We will conclude by copying two messages from the King, received by Miss Hudson, officer-in-charge, which she read to the patients, who stood to receive them, and then sang "God Save the King." The messages were as follows:—Messages. One "I send you, my Sailors and Soldiers, Hearty Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured, and for your unfailing cheerfulness. Another Christmas has come round, and we are still at war, but the Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you." Message Two: "This Christmas the Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their sufferings, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmas, and many happier years to come."

Brabyns Military Hospital.

The week has been a busy one, with patients departing and new ones arriving. Six coming in on 28th, and seven on 31st ult., made the hospital full again. There were thirty-two men here this Christmas, as against nineteen last year, and altogether throughout this year the average has been considerably higher than in 1915. The names and ranks of the new patients are as follows:—

Private F. Courty, 6th Cameron Highlanders.

Private E. Robinson, 25 Manchesters.

Private C. Kistenmacher, 21 London.

Private A. Bignell, 2 Royal Sussex.

Private D. O'Sullivan, R. Munster Fus.

Private N. Lewis, 3rd Manchesters.

Private H. D. Key, 14th Argyle and S. H.

2nd Corporal W. Thurston, R.E.

C-Sergt-Major T. Hargreaves, 19 Manr's.

Sapper J. Bridge and J. D. Dickson, A.B., both Royal Naval Division.

And Gunners L. Brooker and J. Mulligan, R.F.A.

Among them are three amputation cases, one of a leg, one of both legs, and the third of an arm. Altogether there are thirteen cot cases.

The officer in charge thanks the numerous friends who did so much to make Christmas a happy time for the patients, whether by personal service or by gifts of money or gifts in kind. The extra expense to the hospital has, in consequence, been practically nil, and the extra pleasure immeasurable. Sisters in charge, patients, and staff, all benefit by this kindness.

The Christmas doings have already been reported; they were followed by a whist drive, given by Mrs. G. Scott, at the Annexe, for the patients there, whom she made hosts, and which was a most enjoyable evening to guests and hosts alike.

On 28th ult. Mrs. Plant had nine patients to dinner and tea; on 30th there was a concert at Brabyns, and on January 1st the officer in charge gave a whist drive, to which and to tea all the Annexe patients (15) were invited. Among the guests were some of the voluntary cooks and kitchen helpers, and fifty-four people played whist.

Gifts received during the week include fifteen property bags from Mrs. Heather (Wilmslow), cigarettes from Hawk Green, collars from Marple sewing meeting, cigars and cigarettes from the Entertainment Fund, cigarettes from Mr. Hargreaves and Hawk Green, cakes from Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Stansfield, and home-made cakes from Miss Hargreaves, sweets from Nurse Sewell, mince pies from Mrs. Metcalfe, cigarettes and a cake from Mrs. Buckley, and views with magnifying glass from Mr. Forth.

Donations were as follows:—Two pounds from Misses B., twelve and ninepence from the Weavers of the Old Shed, Compstall Mill, per Miss B. Knowles; seven shillings and sixpence from New Cellar weavers, per Miss E. Marsland; ten shillings from Mr. Vernon; and monthly subscriptions from Mrs. Sewell and Mrs. Haslam.

Out of material given by Mr. Penny, two hundred and seventy-three property bags have been sent for the use of wounded in hospitals abroad, to Lady Smith Dorrien. In acknowledging the gift she says she hopes she may continue to count on our support, as it is estimated that 60,000 bags will in future be needed monthly.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

The patients usually number 45; when fewer it is for a day or two pending others arriving. Some have been discharged to Convalescent Hospitals at Blackpool, and sixteen were sent in on the 12th inst. Their names, ranks, and ailments are as follows: Lance-Corporal H. Thornton, K.R. Rifles; Cpl. J. Golden, Argyle and Suth. H.; Gunner H. Kinson, R.G.A., all trench h feet; Corporal H. Webb, 8th Glosters, gunshot wound chest; Driver J. Inman, R.F.A., fractured arm; 2nd Corporal W. T. Beatty, R.E., influenza; and Privates J. Charteris, 1st Cameronians; J. Quinn, 1st Irish Guards; W. Ebbs, 25 R. Warwicks; W. Gloag, 21st Manchesters, all trench feet; W. Pepperill, R.A.M.C., sprained ankle; T. H. Barton, 18th W. Yorks, glands; A. Harwood, 15 N. Staffs, diphtheria; A. Reeve, 8th E. Surreys; J. Ball, 7th K. Shrops, L. Infantry; and W. H. Burch, 43rd Canadians, all shrapnel, knee and head. These patients are from France. A visit was received from Sergeant-Major Kennedy, an Australian, and former patient, who had been back to his home, and is now on his way to the front again.

Miss Bridge has been added to the trained staff as masseuse, and began work on Monday; she had already given every day for five months voluntary service during and after her training. The treatment of massage is very necessary for many of the patients, especially in such cases as stiff joints or muscles, and with our number of patients a masseuse finds plenty of work. During the temporary absence of one of our sisters, Mrs. Wallace Hague is again kindly giving her services.

The year's accounts for the Township and Hospital (separate accounts) have been submitted to the Township Treasurer (Colonel Wainwright), and by him worked out and completed to be sent to the County Auditor. The balance sheet will be published when the books are returned to him; the increased cost per man per day will be shown, and the expense of maintaining forty-five beds. That so large a hospital supplies a need is proved by the fact of our being kept so full through this winter in contrast to the two preceding ones. Donations and gifts in kind are most urgently needed to enable the hospital to continue its work.

About the New Year Mrs. Syddall (Romiley) took all the Annexe patients to a Manchester pantomime. Mr. Scott (Mellor) took four a motor run. Last Saturday the Women Unionists invited those able to go, and two nurses, to a whist drive in the Conservative Club.

The Wesleyan School children gave a concert in the Annexe, and some of the patients went to a Stockport cinema show.

Donations have been received from Mr. Hargreaves (monthly), Weavers, Big Shed, Compstall Mill, per Miss B. Knowles, twelve and sixpence, a pound from a "Well Wisher," and ten shillings from Anon.

Mrs. Varden gave tea-cloths and dusters (she met the would-be purchaser in a shop, and kindly paid the bill!). Mr. Shand sent a goose. (Mrs. Wainwright's Christmas gift of plum pudding, mince pies, cigarettes and evergreens receives this late acknowledgment). Forty yards of cotton sheeting were sent anonymously; currants from Mrs. Grainger; cigarettes from Hawk Green; magazines from Mr. Sexton; old linen and mufflers from Mrs. Armitage Bennett; cake from Mrs. Shand; jam tarts from N. Reece; cigarettes from Mr. Eglin; also eggs and bedsocks per Mr. Marriott.

Badly needed, soft ward shoes of all sizes.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

A whist drive was held in the Mess Room for the patients on the afternoon of 22nd, at which the Annexe men carried off the prizes; it was an informal affair among themselves.—The Entertainment Committee provided a concert one evening, and a lantern lecture on another, and ten men in charge of nurses went to a Kinema Show at Stockport one afternoon.

Gifts were five pairs bed socks and three pairs of ward shoes, from Strines sewing meeting; two pairs of mittens and socks, and one pair of bedsocks and cuffs from Marple sewing meeting; and 2,000 picture postcards (Brabyns), from Mr. A. K. Johnson. Soft ward shoes are much wanted.

Mr. Barlow sent a donation of fifteen pounds, and Mrs. Parker Smith sent one of five pounds.

APPEAL FOR INCREASED SUPPORT.

This week an appeal for increased support is made, as the balance-sheet for 1915 (shortly to be published), shows the hospital finances to be in too low a state to be satisfactory.

Since last July, at the urgent request of the War Office, fifteen more beds were provided, and have almost always been fully occupied, and with more serious cases than were sent formerly. In consequence, the staff has had to be increased by a second trained nurse, who is paid by headquarters, and an honorary quartermaster, but the cost of board and lodging in all cases is met by our friends; also additional cost of commissariat entailed by voluntary helpers coming in daily and nightly. This month a masseuse (paid) had to be added to the staff, but she only comes for the morning hours. For a few weeks last year we had a paid night nurse; the Red Cross nurses, however, volunteered for this work, and two of them take duty nightly, and so save this expense.

Laundry is a heavy item, and made more so by the blue and grey suits which the War Office orders to be worn by hospital patients. These suits, with sheets and tablecloths, are sent to a laundry; everything else is washed in the Brabyns laundry by a paid laundress, and ironed by voluntary help.

Among monthly donors may be mentioned Mrs. Sewell, Mrs. Parker Smith, Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Haslam, Mr. and Mrs. Hargraves, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mr. Barlow and Mr. Kershaw. People who have sent gifts in kind since the beginning of the hospital are Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. McNair, and Mr. Arnall, who send meat weekly. Mr. Robinson and Messrs. Taylor and Hough, whose monthly accounts are reduced by gifts; Mr. Johnson, who supplies all notepaper and picture postcards; Colonel Wainwright, who sends daily papers, and the Marple and Strines Sewing Parties, who since their inauguration have given clothes. To the above names might be added many more who support the hospital in money, kind or service, but these acknowledgments are made in the weekly press.

Mr. Barlow has interested himself very considerably in the maintenance of the extra fifteen patients; in addition to his former large donations, he sends a monthly one of varying amounts, to defray the current expenses and the rent of the Annexe.

Miss Hudson's monthly payments to Red Cross funds more than settle her proportion of household expenses, and in addition she pays for all the gas, half the coal and oil and other things, besides wear and tear and the innumerable expenses incidental to the working of a hospital in a private house.

The Government grant of 2s. per patient per day is known to be inadequate, but the War Office has plainly said that no increase is to be hoped for. In 1915 Brabyns patients cost £1 1s. 5d. each per week; this included staff, nursing and cooking, surgical and medical requisites, food and part of heating and lighting. The Cheshire County average cost for the same was £1 7s. 1d., and that of the 56 Counties was £1 2s. 9d. It will be seen Brabyns average was lower than the above. In 1916 the cost will naturally have been greater, which will have meant a larger proportion for local Red Cross funds to supply.

More subscribers are needed if the hospital work is to be fully maintained, and it is hoped that its economical administration will be in its favour with old supporters, and help to secure some fresh ones. Throughout the life of the hospital the help given has been most generous, and what is needed is that a continuance of the same, and also increased support, may be forthcoming.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.—Six cases were sent in on the 26th of January; the names and ranks are: Sapper C. Graham, 1st Canadian Engineers; Privates J. Willis, 1st Garrison Norfolk; D. Brittons, R.F.A., trench fever; T. Higginbottom, 1st Manchesters, malaria contracted in Persian Gulf; C. H. Hindle, 7th Yorks and Lancs., and C. H. Millington, 5th Northumberland Fusiliers, wounded by shrapnel. There are 45 patients. During the week there was a concert at Brabyns end, two at the annexe, and 19 men went to a cinema show at Stockport one afternoon. The gifts received were a sack of potatoes from Mrs. Swindells, brawn Mrs. Bridge, scones Mrs. Simpson, currants Mrs. Grainger, 12 college puddings Marple U.D.C., jam Mrs. Twentymen, bread, butter, and cigarettes, Conservative Club; eggs per Mrs. Partington, bread Mrs. Rothwell, pocket handkerchiefs Mrs. Lenthall, socks and ward shoes Marple Sewing Meeting, mufflers, socks, wardshoes, and helmets, Strines Sewing Meeting; bandages per Nurse Hewitt, papers from Mrs. Scarlett, books Mrs. Beeley. Soft ward shoes are still needed, both large and ordinary sizes. Donations were received from Mr. Forth, who sent £10 in response to the appeal issued; from Mrs. de la Hey £5, 10s. monthly from Mrs. Lenthall (a new subscription), and 15s. from collecting box by the Misses Wheelodon, who are now supplying firewood free to the annexe as their contribution to the hospital.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

Lord Devonport's appeal for voluntary rationing of the nation has caused calculations to be made as regards the present consumption of meat and bread in the hospital, and much pondering as to the possibility of reducing the amount. With sugar we are not concerned, as all Red Cross hospitals have been on sugar rations for some time. We do not, however, think it can be intended to limit the rations of soldiers retreating from wounds, and who are regaining health and fitness to rejoin the army as much by good feeding as by medicine. We are glad to be able to state that the War Office within the last week has begun to allow half-a-crown per patient per day, instead of two shillings, as hitherto; this slight addition will be a help towards the very high cost of everything now bought. The patients have always been well and plainly fed, and they all make satisfactory recoveries at Brabyns.

Donations were received during the week as follows:—Five pounds from Mr. and Mrs. Woolfenden, R. and J. H., Mr. T. B. Hope (West Kirby), and Anon., also one pound from Miss Purdie, and six pounds ten shillings from Marple Women Unionists, part proceeds of their whist drive.

Gifts in kind were two pairs felt slippers from Mrs. Parkes; 8 pairs felt slippers, one pair bedsocks, and four pyjama suits, from Strines Sewing Meeting; flowers from Mrs. Blood; plant from Mrs. Kennedy, and books from Mrs. Airey (the last three to the Annexe); felt shoes or carpet slippers, with leather soles; fruit and vegetables would be acceptable gifts. The Entertainment Committee gave a concert at Brabyns, and sent 18 men to Stockport, to a Kinema Show.

Home nursing lectures are to be given in the Carver Recreation Rooms, by Dr. Storey, honorary medical officer at Brabyns Hospital. The lectures will be on Thursdays, and will begin on Thursday, 22nd February, at 8 o'clock. The fee for the course will be three shillings and sixpence.

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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.—In the course of the week one patient has been transferred, and one returned to Ducie Avenue Hospital for further operation, hoping to come back to recruit here. Hospital patients are not rationed according to Lord Devonport's scheme, but the staff and household, of course, are on their honour, equally with all other citizens. Experiments are being made to work quantities out to the best advantage, to keep all in good working order. This has been quite a gay week; two concerts at Brabyns and one at the Annexe; a lantern lecture by Mr. Eastwood on "Lisbon," a whistle drive at Brabyns amongst the patients, and an afternoon party and tea given by Mrs. Hollingworth at Beamsmoor. Many money donations have been—£25 from Mr. Barlow for Annexe expenses over and above the Government grant to it; from the Compstall weavers' big shed, 12s. 4d.; Mr. E. Stafford, 5s.; Mrs. Hasham (monthly) 4s.; Anon. (monthly), 10s.; Miss Greenhalgh, eggs; Mrs. Grainger, currants; per Miss Bradshaw, grapes; per Mrs. Barlow, 12 pairs of slippers; a packet of magazines from Dr. Hibbert. In gratitude for the care of Lance-corporal W. Manning, still in this hospital, the Anglo-South American Central Depot has sent a large case of 1,174 bandages, some head bandages, slings, and swabs, which are most acceptable, and will set us up for quite a long time. They were all made by British ladies in Callao, Peru. The good work of the Brabyns Hospital, due to all its many workers, has been recognised by an honour bestowed on the "officer in charge," who has been made Hon. Commandant of one of the Marple detachments, "110 Cheshire." The offer of the position was made by the president of the Cheshire branch B.R.C.S., Katharine, Duchess of Westminster, and also by the County Secretary, on behalf of Lady Newton, vice-president. This honour is much appreciated by Miss Hudson, and by all the co-workers, and should make everyone still more determined to carry on to the very end. Dr. Storey's first home nursing lecture will be given in the Carver Recreation Room, Church-lane, on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m.

BRABYNS HOSPITAL ANNEXE. AMERICAN TEA.

In aid of the Hospital Funds, an "American Tea," organised by Mrs. Knollys, will be held at the Hospital Annexe, Benavie, Station-rd., Marple, on Wednesday, the 28th Feb., from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is by ticket only, and includes tea. Each visitor is expected to bring a parcel, value one shilling, and to purchase a parcel of the same value. There will be a stall for the sale of various articles. There will be a bran tub for the born gamblers who like to speculate in futures.

There will be an "Eastern Sorceress," who, for a consideration, which will benefit the Red Cross Funds, will endeavour to tell clients the terrible truth about themselves. From the flower stall visitors may purchase blooms to suit their particular fancy, and no limit will be placed upon the size of the buttonholes they care to display. A mandoline troupe will enchant the ear at intervals, and soothe any savage breast that may find itself by mistake among the festive throng. Prices such as tea-cloths, chickens, dolls (and perhaps diamond necklaces) may fall to the lot of those who trust Dame Fortune to the extent of an odd sixpence or a shilling. At the close there will be an auction of various articles, and if you don't get a bargain it will be your own fault, and all the better for the Hospital Funds. Don't come without money. The Hospital is not a philanthropic institution. Those who have already kindly promised gifts for the stall and for the tea will oblige by sending them in to the Annexe not later than Monday night.

VARE, & Brabyns Military Hospital.

The "American Tea" organised by Mrs. Knollys and Sister MacGregor, at the Annexe, was a tremendous success. It realised £52, the whole of which amount was handed over to the hospital funds. Everything was given, and so the expenses were nil, a result deserving of much congratulation to the two promoters. Mrs. Knollys and Miss MacGregor wish to thank everybody who contributed by giving time, handicraft or money to help to achieve this excellent result. The money comes when funds are low, and is, therefore, most acceptable, as also are the following donations, sent in response to the circular appeal: Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sinclair, and Mr. and Mrs. Sugden five pounds, Miss Knoop ten shillings; monthly subscriptions of varying amounts from Mrs. and Miss Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Paton, and Mrs. Dickson, and various requests for collecting boxes. The weavers of the Big Shed, Compstall Mills, sent fourteen shillings, and the children of the Compstall School, through Mr. Healey, sent one pound from a sale of waste paper. They promise further contributions. Gifts in kind included slippers from Mrs. Chadborn for "the Strines Sewing Meeting beds," slippers from Mrs. Sutcliffe, mufflers from the Cripples' Home, and also shoes and socks from other people.

Treats to the patients included tea and games at Mrs. Barlow's, to which 24 went and enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly; a lantern lecture on Rome, by Mr. Birkby, and the American Tea, at which some of them were busy helping in fancy dress. There are 31 patients, and in the comparatively quiet spell preparations for the extra beds are being made.

March 3. 1917.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

There has not been much doing this week, beyond six arrivals and one departure, except in the line of entertainments. On Shrove Tuesday the Women's Unionist Committee of the whistle drive of January 31st, and a few friends, gave the Brabyns soldiers a whistle drive of their own, to which 18 patients and two nurses went, and most thoroughly enjoyed. On Thursday a lantern lecture on "Cistercian Monks and Abbeys," with some splendid slides, was given by Mr. Brickhill. On Friday a concert by Mr. Alker's party, and on Saturday a "Pierrot Concert" by a company from beyond Manchester, were both much appreciated. On Monday there was a visit to the Stockport Cinema. Gifts and donations have come in in gratifying numbers. A bath-chair from Mr. Wilford; a large consignment of cardboard boxes to hold the various works of the patients from Messrs. A. Burdon and Co., box manufacturers, Manchester. An inhaler from "a soldier's sister." Coffee from Miss Cresswell. Rice from Mrs. Sutcliffe. Groceries from a surplus lift from the whistle drive. In money donations: Collected by Mrs. Milner £1 7s. 6d., per Mr. Yarwood, collected at a whistle drive, 10s.; from "Old Cubs" of Miss Rhodes' Oak Patrol, 6s. 2d.; per Miss B. Knowles, 13s.; Mrs. Sewell (regular subs.), £1. Dr. Storey's "Home Nursing" lecture takes place on Thursday, at 8 p.m., Recreation Room, Church-lane.

March 3. 1917.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

Very urgent requests have been received from the War Office and the B.R.C.S., for still more beds, and to as far as possible enlarge existing hospitals, in order to economise in doctors and nurses. Mrs. Knollys has kindly given the use of the cottage in the wood as quarters for the nurses that "live in," and in consequence two more rooms are freed to become wards, in Brabyns; and by various little arrangements we are able to increase the number of beds "for emergency" to 56—and at great strain to 60, between the main Hospital and the Annexe. It may be thought that this is inconsistent with the appeal put out for an increase of funds, on the present number; but in practice the 2s. 6d. grant per man should cover the food, and what may be needed medically, the rest of the administration remaining the same. Our offer, therefore, is made for 56, and a possible 60, for emergency; the normal number still being 35. The entertainments this last week were: A R
whist drive (at the Annexe), by Mrs. Blood and friends; a lantern lecture on "Cartoons and Caricaturists," Mr. McKellen; and two concerts, the last by Mrs. Hampson's party. Gifts gratefully received: Davenport and District War Helpers, slippers; Mrs. Parkes, socks, slippers, and writing pads; Mrs. Fitzmaurice and St. Sebastian's Knitting Guild, slippers and fruit; Mrs. Currey, 22 knitted walking gloves; Mrs. Paton, five knitted dishcloths; Mrs. Elgin, fruit; Mrs. Hart, new laid eggs; Mrs. Kneelt, bread; Mrs. Reece, plate carrier; Miss Robinson, books; Mrs. Standing, £1 1s.; Mrs. Grainger, currants and 1s. (weekly); per Miss B. Knowles, 13s.; Anon. 1s. (weekly); Mr. Rothwell, 6d. (weekly). Also the Annexe messroom has been redecorated by "A Friend." Dr. Storey's Home Nursing Course of Lectures takes place every Thursday, at 8 p.m., at the Recreation Rooms, Church-lane. *March 10. 1914*

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During an interval in the singing the Rev. H. Haynes made a speech. He announced that the takings were £26.—(Applause.) Then there had been donations from the patrons and the Chairman, which would increase the sum to £33 7s. He was grateful for such a result from their effort, and if they could augment the amount to £40 he would be the more pleased. Mr. Haynes thanked Mr. Hirst for his aid, and said in regard to his friend Mr. Bourne, his help had been most valuable.

PATIENTS ENTERTAINED TO TEA.

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It is well worthy of note that a party of about 25 of the patients at Brabyns were entertained to tea in a room adjoining the concert hall, by a committee of ladies belonging to the congregation, consisting of Mrs. Bagshawe and Mrs. Burdass, as the chief promoters, and Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Tymm, and Mrs. Bradshaw as their helpers. The ladies defrayed the entire cost. Before the tea the soldiers spent a merry hour or two in singing. Miss Hambleton played for them. The ladies were heartily thanked by their guests for their treat.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

THE WORK IT HAS DONE.

SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN OF MARPLE COUNCIL.

Mr. Alfred Hirst, Chairman of the Marple Urban District Council, presided at a concert given on behalf of the funds of Brabyns Hospital, in Trinity Hall, on Wednesday night, and made a statement dealing with the work of the institution since Miss Hudson set her home aside for the purpose. Mr. Hirst explained at the outset as regarded the concert (of which a report appears separately) that whatever was realised, would be handed intact to the Hospital. He was quite sure they would agree with him that there was no more worthy object. Next to fighting, surely the tending of the wounded and sick was the most important matter which could engage their energies, sympathy and skill; in a sense such work was even more important than fighting, and they were all proud of Brabyns Hospital, regarding which he should like to give them some facts furnished to him by Miss Fox, the indefatigable secretary. On August 4th, 1914 (continued the speaker), Miss Hudson, in a very generous and noble-hearted way, offered, through the Red Cross Society, her Home and 12 beds for a Hospital, the offer being accepted on September 1st, and the first patients arriving on Oct. 31st. In November of the same year the beds were increased to 30; in October, 1915, to 30; and in July of last year to 45, tents also being erected on the lawn for the accommodation of some of the wounded soldiers. In October last year "Benaire" house in Station-road was rented as an Annexe to the Hospital; and he would like to say that a very generous Marple gentleman, Mr. Frank Barlow, was paying the rent of that house, whilst also meeting the expenses beyond what the Government allowed for each patient. He thought that was very generous and noble. Recently the total number of beds had been increased from 45 to 56, and if the necessity arose they could be increased even to 60 (and from what they were reading in the newspapers he was afraid the necessity would arise for the larger number). Some soldiers, as they all knew, had stayed at Brabyns for months, and had been very comfortable there. He recognised some he met at a seaside town, and in speaking with them he found that they all said they would like to be back. Each patient cost 3s. 2d. per day inclusive of everything: food, drugs, clothing, light and heating; and the Government grant up to February was 2s., whilst now it was 2s. 6d. The Hospital was regularly inspected, and the reports had been always good. Mr. Hirst next gave particulars of the staff, mentioning that Miss Hudson was in charge, and that the medical officer was Dr. Burton, assisted by Dr. Storey. — (Applause.) During the first winter the soldiers had been entertained by a committee, consisting of Mr. Laird, Mr. Walter Barratt, and Mr. Baird, and the tedium of staying in the institution had been relieved by the excellent concerts and other entertainments which these gentlemen had provided. About £15 per week was required in donations for Brabyns, and the fact that the Hospital had been kept running by means of the donations of the people testified to the generosity which Marple and the district had shown. In January of this year the Funds were rather low, but through an appeal made to the public, the situation improved. The point he wished to emphasise, however, was that Brabyns was constantly in need of money, and, in consequence, concerts such as the one to be given that evening, were most acceptable. 387 Patients had been treated at Brabyns since October, 1914. The Chairman of the Council concluded in a very practical way. Buttonholing his audience, so to say, and speaking to the people in a kindly and gentle yet urgent voice, he said "Do your best for Brabyns, ladies and gentlemen; it is an institution we are all proud of." — (Applause.)

Brabyns Military Hospital.

Reply to Criticism. 24.3.17

There appears to be some misunderstanding abroad as to the methods and management of this hospital—misunderstanding of a kind that is difficult to rectify, because it is so indefinite. But although it is an impossible task to settle criticisms which are never clearly enough defined to take hold of, it were well, perhaps, to state exactly how the hospital is managed. It seems to be thought by some that the hospital is solely and entirely a hospital, and that it is administered by a Hospital Committee. This is not so. The owner of the house is in residence, and her household bears a large share of the domestic work of the hospital. Obviously, there can be no Hospital Committee. The necessity for such does not exist, for the owner of the house is appointed officer-in-charge of the hospital, and there are also an hon. treasurer and an hon. secretary, both duly appointed by the B.R.C.S.

The funds derived from Government grants, from the B.R.C.S., and from donations, subscriptions, etc., can be administered and utilised only in a way not subject to local control—a way laid down by the War Office and the B.R.C.S. authorities.

The accounts are audited yearly, and are under the strict supervision of the War Office.

It is an utterly mistaken notion that the hospital wishes for help from certain sources only.

Naturally, the workers are drawn mainly from local V.A. detachments, but by no means entirely so; and it should be very clearly understood that the hospital was not, in the first place, organised by any V.A.D., neither is it worked or staffed by this or that V.A.D. Nor has it ever been the desire of the hospital to receive aid from one and not from another. All help, from whatever source, is welcomed and accepted.

From the very beginning it has been a fixed principle to accept all offers, and to use them as the necessity arose. On the other hand, the hospital has always felt that it should not be necessary to search out voluntary helpers, but to recognise that offers of aid, whether in the form of work or donations, should be willingly given and not pressed.

To turn to present matters, comparatively few patients are with us, but any day we may fill up again. And we have all the additional beds ready for the increase to 56, when it is demanded of us to take in that number. The great event of this last week was the concert got up by the Rev. H. Haynes, which owed so much to his personal energy and capacity, and was in every way successful. The concert had been preceded by a tea given to the patients, who, by War Office rule, were debarred from attending the concert; 24 men were able to go, and they greatly enjoyed it. The hospital, however, had its own concert that evening, given by Mr. Baguley Waters, "A vocal recital of old English songs," and very charming it was. He was assisted by Miss M. Dunnington, violinist, and Madame Alice Froggatt at the piano. On Thursday, a lantern lecture on India, Burma, and Ceylon was given by Mr. Ward.

Donations in money have been received from: Mr. Barlow, £17 (for the annexe); Mrs. Rothen-schweiler £1 (monthly subscription); Mrs. Arm-itage Bennett, 10s.; Mrs. Pritchard, £1; Mrs. Buckley, 10s.; Mrs. Horsfield, 5s.; Miss Cle-burne 5s.; and 10s. 7d. from the hospital box. Also 14s. 1d. from Miss B. Knowles, and 12s. from Miss E. Knowles, both collected. From the Rev. H. Haynes' concert, £36 1s. 6d.; from Messrs. Andrew and Harrop £33 15s. 7d., also proceeds of a concert; "Anon." (Marple), £10. Other donations: Mrs. Baird, jam; Mrs. Syd-dall, operation stockings; Mr. Kinder, books; Commander W. J. Hudson, two sacks of vege-tables; Mrs. Parkes, socks and slippers; Mrs. Scott, eggs; Mrs. Fitzmaurice, books; surplus of Trinity Hall party, tongue and cakes.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

OLD SHOES WANTED.

A great many of the present cases are "trench feet" for whose comfort in walking nothing is provided between feet ward shoes and army boots. It is therefore not difficult to realise the delay in a patients' getting out when it means putting army boots on to trench feet nor the suffering entailed thereby. Well worn shoes of No. nine, ten and upwards will be most acceptable to be worn over these bandaged feet, and will hasten the going out and make it a pleasure to the patient. Gifts received were books from Mrs. Macnab, 4 pyjama suits, 13 pillow cases and four night shirts from the Congregational Sewing Meet-ing, also an accordeon, anonymously. Dona-tions included 3 guineas from Mr. S. Macnab, 3 guineas from Mr. J. Macnab, two pounds from Mr. and Mrs. F. Ashton (Romiley,) who are now subscribing monthly to the hospital, one pound from Mrs. Buckley (per Lt.-Op., Lythe), ten shillings from Mrs. Reece, and various monthly subscriptions. Collections from Compstall Mill were as follow: per Miss Grimstone from Simpkins shed and Albert mill, fifteen shillings and three pence; four-teen shillings and sixpence from new shed per Miss B. Knowles, and eleven shillings and sixpence from Miss E. Knowles. Treats were 2 concerts, one per Mr. Hibbert, Stockport-road, and a whist drive held here among the patients.

March 24. 1917.

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HELING BRABYNS.—On Saturday night a whist drive and social evening, originating with and organised by employees at the Goyt Mill, took place at the Carver Recreation Club, Marple. The proceedings were eminently successful from every point of view. The company, a very large one, numbering well on to 300 persons, spent a social evening in the best sense of the word, whilst in regard to the financial result, it will be acknowledged by everyone that this was really remarkable in the case of a party initiated under such circumstances, the total income being £35 16s. 10d., and the balance left, after the payment of expenses, being the handsome sum of £33 15s. 7d. The committee who sug-

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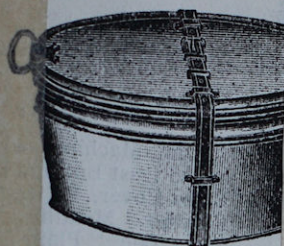
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Colonel Wainwright provided a concert on the 14th inst at the hospital, which was thoroughly enjoyed, comprising, as it did, Mr. Hamilton Harris among the artistes.

As the beds are very shortly to number 56, increased help will be needed, and the hon. secretary will be glad to receive applications from nurses (Red Cross), cooks, and general helpers.

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During the week five of the patients have been transferred to the convalescent hospitals, or to their command depots, for further treatment. With the coming of fine weather, it is desirable that the patients should be provided with outdoor games, and, as the existing stock of these is constantly becoming depleted or worn out, gifts of such games, or parts of games, would be welcomed, i.e., croquet mallets, golf clubs and balls, tennis racquets, footballs, badminton, rope or iron quoits, indiarubber rings for ring-board games, ping-pong bats, etc.

May-day collections for the hospital included £2 per Miss B. Knowles, and 5s. 2d. collected by the girls of the Compstall Council Schools, who paraded the village with a procession, including Harriet Holden, Nellie Fallows, Elsie Pickford, Ethel Austin, Hilda Pickford, Gladys Water, Maria Etchells, May Austin, and Evelyn Markland.

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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The hospital mourns the loss of Dr. Storey, who had been a medical officer here since he succeeded Dr. Tierney in January, 1916, both in that capacity and as doctor of the V.A.D., Ches- hire 110, of which Miss Hudson is honorary, and Mrs. Standing commandant. Dr. Storey was very much liked by all with whom he came in contact medically, as well as for his bright and friendly personality, so that his death is very keenly felt, and he is deeply mourned. The patients showed outward respect by lining up the drive at Tower Croft when the funeral left the house. They took three wreaths with them, from the officer in charge, staff, and patients respectively. A large number from the hospital attended a memorial service held in Marple. It included three sisters (Purdie, MacGregor, and Hague), Red Cross secretary, quartermaster, nurses cooks, and patients (14, all able to attend.)

On Friday, the hospital was inspected by Captain Blackley, accompanied by Major Turner, who expressed themselves satisfied with the arrangement of the hospital. The patients now coming over appear to be medical, rather than surgical cases. Several operations were performed by Dr. Burton on Sunday, so, though not full, the hospital is busy.

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Brabyns Military Hospital.

In connection with the Royal visit to Manchester, eight patients were invited to attend the Review in Heaton Park, and a car was sent at 7.30 a.m. prompt on Wednesday for them. The only difficulty was to find eight men well enough to stand the fatigue of the inspection. All hospital (military) patients are on strict rations as regards bread and sugar: the staff, of course, has been rationed since Lord Devonport appealed. Donations have been gratefully received as under:—£70 from the Committee of "Katawampus," to whom congratulations; as also to the Committee of the Mellor and District Choral Society, for £17 0s. 4d., being half proceeds of their last concert; £7 from Mrs. Barlow (for Annexe expenses); £5 from Mrs. Parker Smith; £4 19s. 6d. from St. Martin's Church (May 6th) on the occasion of the church parade there of "F" Company of the East Cheshire Battalion; £1 2s. 1d. collected in Shepley Mill, Marple, by the workpeople; £1 from Mr. Cooper, High Lane, by the sale of a donkey; Servants' Hall box, Brabyns, 11s. 4d.; "Mastiff," £1; Mrs. W. W., 5s.; Mrs. Hartley, sale of rabbit, 1s.; Compstall Mill collections: 16s. 11d. per Mr. Etchells, 15s. per Miss B. Knowles, and 9s. per Miss E. Knowles. Gifts in kind were:—eggs, Anon; cigarettes, Mr. Glover; medicated wine, Anon; two nightshirts and bedsocks, Mrs. W. W.; Jelly; Mrs. Giles; and fowl, Mrs. Parkes.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL, MARPLE BRIDGE.

Three treats to the patients not yet publicly acknowledged, and both thoroughly enjoyed, were one on the 12th inst., at Romiley, given by the Local Hospital Aid Society for Entertainments, and the other on 16th, at Marple Bridge, when the local Red Cross Society gave a whist drive, tea, and concert, to which 21 patients went. Mr. Scott (Mellor) took four patients a motor run.

Gifts received were six pairs slippers, 24 pairs washing gloves, 12 triangular, 24 "many-tailed," 12 "T" and roller bandages, also fomentation wringers from the ladies' section of the Romiley Golf Club, material for cushion covers from Mrs. Buck, writing pads from Mr. Welch, small gifts from Mr. Croft and Mr. Smith, shoemakers, tennis racquets from Mrs. Barlow, and golf clubs per Mr. Laird.

Donations gratefully acknowledged were £1 per Mr. Glover, a guinea per Miss Hudson, £3 10s. from Mr. Healey, Compstall School, from sale of waste paper, 13s. 9d. from Miss E. Wood, Compstall Mill, and 6s. 6d. from hospital box.

During the week thirteen patients were sent in, as follows:—Lance-Corporal G. Dyke, R.E. (Durham); Sergeant G. Hutt, 5th R. Berks.; Corporal H. Lowerson, 18th Durham L.I.; Lance-Sergeant A. Clark, 15th High. L.I.; Lance-Corporal E. Lavercombe, Machine G.C.; Gunner G. W. Needham, R. Gar. A.; Private A. B. Porter, 8th R. Berks.; Pte. A. H. Lunn, 2nd Lincs.; Pte. T. Gibson, 7th Cam. Highlanders; Pte. A. J. A. Bickell, 1st Liverpool R.; Pte. J. Russell, 1st Seaforth H.; Pte. W. Sanderson, North-umberland Fus.; Pte. A. Crosland. Some are "Cot" cases, and there are both medical and surgical ones among the number.



THE LATE DR. STOREY.

Dr. Storey came to Marple four years ago as partner of Dr. Tierney, from Dewsbury, where he held the position of house surgeon at the Infirmary. The following are authentic particulars of his career before he joined Dr. Tierney. He was a native of Carlisle, and graduated at Glasgow University in 1907, taking degrees of M.R.C.S., and M.R.C.P., which he were M.D. of Glasgow, and D.P.H. of Liverpool. Likewise he had the London University degrees of M.R.C.S., and M.R.C.P., which he took after having passed at Glasgow. He served for a year in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and was house surgeon there for six months, his next appointment being that of house surgeon at the Dewsbury and District Infirmary, where he was very popular. He was only 23 years of age when this important post was conferred upon him, and he held it for three years, namely between 1909 and 1912. Dr. Storey had qualified at the early age of 21. During his stay in Dewsbury, Dr. Storey won a host of friends, and made the acquaintance of the lady who in 1914 became his wife, namely Miss Muriel Oldroyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oldroyd, of Carlton Lodge, Oxford-road, Dewsbury. His work at Dewsbury was very highly valued, and when he left to take up the practice at Marple in partnership with Dr. Tierney, it was predicted by his friends in the Yorkshire town that he had a very prosperous and successful career before him. He was a most devoted and attentive doctor, and was building up (as a Dewsbury eulogist observed in print) "a remarkably successful practice."

Brabyns Military Hospital.

There are 33 patients in hospital at the moment, seven having come ten days ago, namely:—Sergeant J. T. Lomas, 2nd Yorks.; Gunner A. King, R.G.A.; Gunner A. E. Sprakes, R.F.A., Can.; and Privates F. Anderson, 14th, and W. Fickling, 9th Durh. L.I. respectively; Private W. Marsden, K.O.R., Lancs.; and A. Andrews, 16th Middlesex R.

Both the Sisters and the Quartermaster have, in turn, had leave of absence, and quite necessary cleaning and decorating have been done, entailing hard work on everybody. On a former cleaning occasion the hospital was closed for three weeks; this time we managed to carry on, though it necessitated having fewer patients for a time.

Donations gratefully received include £22 10s. from Mr. Barlow, for Annexe expenses in May, and for the rent up to the end of September, £5 from Mr. Tinker, £2 2s. from Mr. T. T. Glancy (Romiley), 15s. 11d. per Mr. Etchells, 15s. per Miss Grimstone, 13s. 4d. and 9s. from the Misses B and E. Knowles respectively. These four sums are collected from different rooms in Compstall Mill.

Gifts include a box of dominoes from Mr. E. Howles, socks and a shirt from Mrs. Mackenzie, 14 pyjama suits, 12 pants and 10 pairs socks from Marple Sewing Party. Mr. Parkes gave a concert on June 6th, which was greatly enjoyed, and Mr. Scott (Mellor) kindly took four patients a motor run on Sunday.

Eighty "Comfort bags" have been sent to Lady Smith Dorrien, for hospitals abroad. Mrs. J. H. Stott made and gave forty of these, and the Marple sewing meeting most of the remainder.

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Brabyns Military Hospital.

More helpers are needed for nursing and general service, which latter includes kitchen and pantry at Brabyns, and housework in addition at the Annexe.

A few of the nurses and helpers who were on the staff in the autumn of 1914 are still doing regular work, and giving valuable help to the Sisters. Unfortunately different reasons of removal, work elsewhere, or ill-health, have prevented many from continuing as they would have wished to do, and their places have not been filled up enough. The result is that when a nurse or helper goes away "on leave," or "reports sick," her place has to be taken by another already on the staff, and who has her own regular time on, and consequently needs time off, if she is to continue her good work. Will any woman or girl reading this seriously consider whether she can give any spare days or hours to military hospital work? The hon. sec. will be glad to give any particulars by post, or by interview in St. Martin's Library, Station-road, on Saturdays, from 11 to 12-30. There are 33 patients altogether. The Inspectors fixed 24 as the Brabyns maximum, and 11 for the Annexe, with a proviso that should there be an acute need for beds in the country owing to any great push, we might take more patients.

Even without the extra who may come some day, there is plenty of work to be done, and the present is a good opportunity for beginners to get into the hospital ways, and relieve those V.A.D. members who are working so well, and who have done so much to help in carrying on at the hospital.

Brabyns Military Hospital.

Major Turner inspected the hospital on Monday, and gave a good report. Since his last visit a month ago the surgery and smoking room have been decorated. The Inspector said that there are comparatively few wounded in England just now and a great many empty beds in consequence. On Wednesday, Col. Sir Edward Cotton Jodrell (County Director), accompanied by the County Secretary and Assistant C.S. also paid a visit of inspection—but too late for inclusion in this report. On Saturday some of the girls of the Compstall County School arranged a "May Day" procession, and a collection for Brabyns hospital with the good financial result of £3 17s. Four other children, M. Livesley, J. Goudie, B. Greenwood and D. Healey made and sold some small things and sent us 3s. 6d.; two other children, E. Arnall and M. Sharp did likewise and sent 2s. 6d. The ladies of Mellor Golf Club, per Mrs. Hugill, sent £1 3s.; Miss B. Knowles sent 10s. 9d. from Compstall Mill; the Misses Wheelton 10s. 6d. from their collecting box; 2s. 6d. from Mrs. Bothwell and £3 from Mr. and Mrs. F. Ashton (Romiley) for three months subscription besides several other regular subscriptions. Gifts include a quantity of cork and other soles for ward shoes from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, knitted swabs from the Cripples Home and salad from Miss Hibbert. Mr. Scott (Mellor) took four men a much enjoyed motor run, and a large number were entertained at tea at the Bungalow, Romiley, on Saturday.

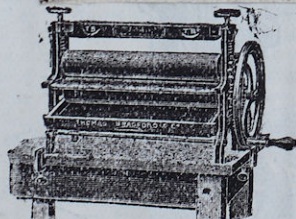
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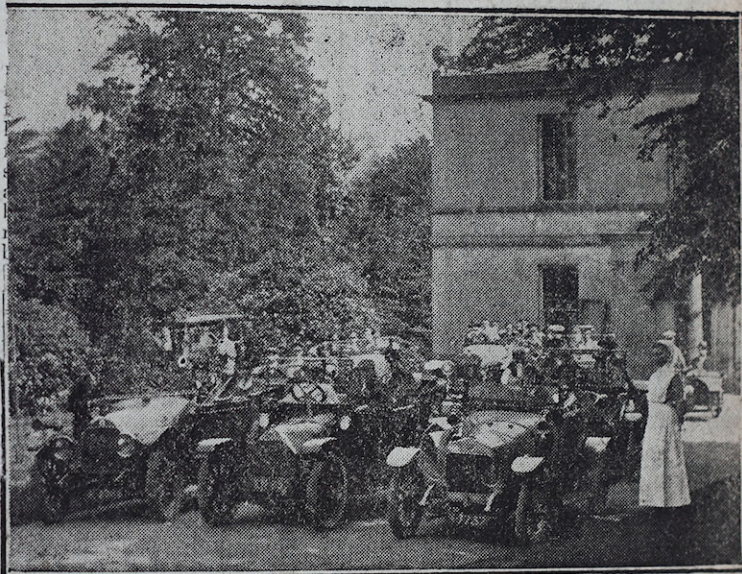
The Honorary County Director, Colonel Sir E. Cotton-Jodrell, K.C.B., who inspected the hospital last week, said the War Office was considering the closing down of hospitals under 40 beds, or their amalgamation with others. Our daily returns are for 45 beds (with more, if needed, at 12 hours' notice). We have had above the average number here. We have four patients from Mesopotamia, who only arrived in England a fortnight ago, after a long and exciting voyage, and one from British East Africa. Another patient is an escaped prisoner. Thanks to the Entertainments Committee, Messrs. Laird, Barratt, and Mrs. Wawcett, 25 of the patients, accompanied by two nurses and the quartermaster, were taken a most delightful picnic in motor cars in perfect weather. Every one thoroughly enjoyed the outing, which will be long remembered. The procession of cars started from Brabyns early in the afternoon, and spun along in bright sunlight at a capital pace, going by way of Hibbert-lane and Hawk Green to Poynton, and then through Woodford, Dean Row, Alderley, and Monks Heath to Siddington. The patients wandered about by the waterside at Redesmere, and subsequently enjoyed a very substantial tea at Worth's Farm, where they gave three rousing cheers for the organisers and the gentlemen who had driven the party through such charming scenery. The return home was even more enjoyable and interesting, passing through Chelford, Knutsford, Altrincham, Gatley, Stockport, Commercial-road, and Dan Bank, and as the sun shone steadily it was altogether an extremely delightful and healthful outing for all concerned. The gentlemen who so kindly lent their cars were as follows:—Messrs. Day, Edwards, Hague, Macnab, Magson, Makin, Oldfield, Simon, and Wilson.

Driving and motoring are real treats for hospital patients, in fact for some of them the only means of leaving the grounds. At Brabyns, the patients are fortunate in having so much space for sitting out, and having meals in the open air. There are forty-two patients at the time of writing. The Marple Red Cross Sewing Meeting has been very successful, and has raised £1 for the purchase of even pyjama suits, six shirts, seven pairs of socks, and two cushions. £1 was also raised for the purchase of a new "M. W.", Cleveleys Hydro, from the Marple Red Cross Sewing Meeting.



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MARPLE WOUNDED SOLDIERS' TREAT.



THE START FROM BRABYNS HOSPITAL.

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A glorious sunshine greeted the assemblage at 2-30 last Sunday afternoon in front of the Hall. The cars were soon filled with some 26 radiant and expectant soldiers, Nurses Jackson and Brown, Quartermaster Marriott, and the committee, making a total of 43. After the submitting to the various demands of the ubiquitous photographer, the procession filed out of the grounds for a 52-mile journey, and were soon bowling along the delightful Cheshire lanes and roads to Siddington, via

Hawk Green, High Lane, Poynton, Woodford, Alderley Edge, and Monk's Heath. Arriving at Worth's Farm, the spare hour before tea was spent on the banks of the Mere, snapping, sun-bathing with quipping and jesting, the merriest of all, perhaps, being the most badly wounded. Tea being served, the boys were soon "over the top" of it. The past was extremely good and homely, and there was no rationing on this occasion. Affectionate glances cast upon the well-filled sugar bowls indicated that "Tommy" was glad once more to be associated with his "lost love." After tea Mr. S. L. Laird proposed a vote of thanks to the generous donors of the cars, and expressed a wish for a repetition of their services in the near future. Mr. Marriott, representing the Brabyns authorities and the wounded soldiers, seconded briefly and concisely. Mr. Robert Oldfield, on behalf of the owners, replied, the predominant note being that a repetition was assured. The farm was denuded of warriors at 6-30. The route was taken home via Chelford, Knutsford, Altrincham, Gatley and Stockport arriving in Marple at the appointed hour of eight. Sunday was the anniversary of the "Somme Drive," in which battle some of the soldiers with us were disabled. History repeated itself on Sunday last, for all agreed that it was again "Somme Drive."

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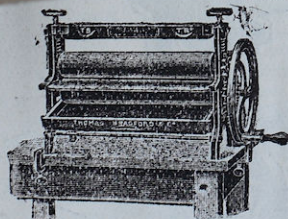
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Throughout the last year, from funds provided by the Entertainment Committee, the patients have been taught to do woodwork, embroidery and painting, with excellent results, as many of them have shown great adaptability and skill in their work. It is now proposed to hold an exhibition of it, as well as of curios generally, at a date to be announced later at this hospital. There will also be a sale of work, the result of sewing meetings held by Sister Macgregor, for some months past, with the object of again assisting the hospital-funds.

Donations gratefully received were £17 from Mr. Barlow to defray the Annexe expenses for June; collections from Compstall Mill as under, per Miss B. Knowles 19s. 3d., per Miss E. Knowles £1 1s. 2d., per Miss E. Wood 11s. 10d., per Mr. P. Etchells 13s. 5d.

Gifts in kind included cigarettes from Mr. F. Jones; rhubarb and raspberry jam from Mrs. Baird; flowers and 100 eggs from Mrs. Scott; pillows and flowers from Mrs. Standring. Treats to the patients were garden parties at Brentwood and Strines, and a motor drive for four of them with Mr. Scott (Mellor).

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Wounded Soldiers' Second Motor Trip.

The second motor trip organised by the Brabyns Entertainment Committee culminated on Saturday last. Jupiter Pluvius was in a very whimsical mood during the week and doubts were expressed as to a continuance of his vagaries on Saturday afternoon. Fortune, however, favours the brave, for delightful weather prevailed during the full trip. The cars (twelve in number) assembled at the Hall at 2-0 p.m., and at 2-40 the procession started, led by Mr. R. H. Oldfield, who, with Mr. Hague, has attended the committee meetings and given practical aid towards detailed success. The route was via High Lane, Middlewood, Poynton, Woodford, Dean, Prestbury, and Macclesfield. The procession through the village was very impressive, and the beaming faces of the brave lads, full of happiness and expectancy, must have been very satisfactory to the owners of the cars and the contributors to this worthy fund. There were 31 soldiers, two nurses, the Quartermaster, and the committee, the latter being conveyed in the motor van of "Ye Olde Village Bakerie," belonging to Mr. G. Falconer—a fitting conveyance for the "barmy and doughy," some might exclaim. The roads were splendid after recent rains, and the scenery was delightful. The rendezvous was reached at 4-15 (minus the van) where a first-class repast was laid at the Rudyard Lake Hotel. The meal over the usual oratory prevailed. Mr. S. L. Laird, on behalf of the committee, thanked the owners of the cars for their patriotic and invaluable assistance; and the soldiers, in their inimitable stentorian manner, proclaimed their approval, which "salvo" must have been appreciated by the gentlemen present. These cheers were renewed at the conclusion of Mr. Marriott's remarks on behalf of the hospital authorities. By the way, this gentleman's efforts to bring out the latent talents of the soldier guests at the hospital will only be fully known after the war. There is, however, an exhibition to be held shortly, when specimens of their work will be displayed; and then Mr. Marriott will find that having done so much good work by stealth he is "famous." Mr. C. E. Ward, who responded to the vote of thanks was handicapped because brevity was the "pass word," but in his well-known, breezy, racy, and concise manner made the response a very happy one.

All then sojourned to the lake side, where steam launches awaited the soldiers, and a delightful trip was taken round the lake. The two nurses, however, preferred to wield the oars of a rowing boat in which were several soldiers, thus once again showing that women can do the gallant when occasion arises, and proving again the difference between man and maid after all is only sexual.

With great reluctance the cars were filled at 7-0, and with military precision Rudyard was denuded of 31 of the best "wearers of blue." The homeward route was via Macclesfield, Bollington, Pott Shrigley, Middlewood, and High Lane. All arrived home rejuvenated and happy at the prescribed tour, and subsequent expressions prove that a repetition will be gladly acclaimed. The following gentle

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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL, MARPLE BRIDGE.

At the time of writing there are 45 patients in the hospital, 14 of whom are at the Annexe. During the week there was an inspection by Captain Blackley, of the patients; and a fire drill for the nurses, conducted by Mr. Nightingale.

Donations have been gratefully received from the Ladies' Golf Club, Mellor, one guinea; Compstall Mill, per Miss Grimstone, £1 1s. 7d.; children's sale of work, per Miss Marjorie Wild, 6s.; ditto, per Miss J. Goudie and Healey, 8s. 6d., and ditto, per Misses Turner and Knott, 6s. 2½d.

Gifts in kind included vegetables, salad and fruit from Mrs. Lipscombe, Mrs. Lenthall, Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mrs. Wainwright (Mellor), Mr. Coe, Mrs. Hartley, Miss Hibbert, and Mrs. Shand. Eggs were received from All Saints' Churchwardens (100), Men's Sunday School (Marple Bridge), (50), Mrs. Jones (Romiley), cakes, butter and bread from the Refuge Insurance Company, fruit from Mrs. Bradshaw Isherwood, scones from Mrs. Baird, flowers from Mrs. Lipscombe and Congregational Endeavour, and books from Mrs. McNair.

On Saturday, 28th July, a great treat was provided for all the patients by the Entertainments' Committee, in the form of a motor picnic to Rudyard Lake. Needless to say, it was enormously enjoyed by the 32 patients, Quartermaster and 2 nurses, who accompanied them.

On July 21st, Mr. Scott (Mellor) took four patients a motor run, always much appreciated.

Mrs. F. Taylor continues to devote Friday evenings to games for the patients at Brabyns. They look forward to, and enter into the same very heartily.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

It is with very much regret, and with sympathy for his family, that we have to put on hospital record the death in action of Pte. A. Stott. He had been a patient here from June to October, 1915, and, as far as is known to the officer in charge, he is the first of the 496 patients treated at Brabyns, who has died for his country.

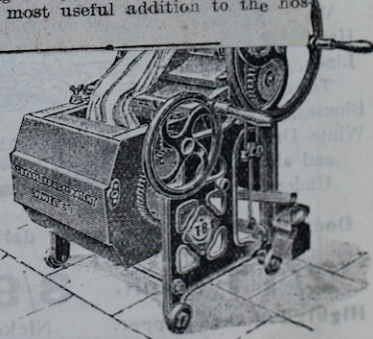
During the week ten patients were sent in, making a total of 45, some of whom will be discharged on furlough this week. Brabyns will be full and busy with 40 patients, but it can be comfortably arranged by the entire front landing being given up to hospital use. Many hospitals have not needed their extensions yet, so that it was a natural decision for headquarters to make when they closed Annexe before the winter; this, however, will not prevent a similar addition being made in the future, if necessary.

Donations gratefully received were £2 13s. from a Wesleyan memorial service at Compstall, per Mr. T. Hallam; from Compstall Mill, as follows:—Per Miss Grimstone 15s. 7d., per Miss E. Wood 13s. 6d., per Miss B. Knowles 10s., per Miss E. Knowles 10s., and per Mr. Etchells 16s. 1d. The above are monthly collections, and show how generously Compstall Mill helps Brabyns Hospital. The Misses Smith, Pineapple Inn, sent 3s., from a small sale of pincushions.

Gifts of walking sticks, and many gifts for the sale, have also been received—the account of "5th" will be in next week's paper. Mr. Scott (Mellor) kindly took four men a motor run, and, by invitation of the Vicar and Wardens of Mellor Church, all the patients who were able to do so went to a fete and tea in Mellor, on 1st inst., and much enjoyed themselves, in spite of the weather.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.—We wish to draw special attention to an exhibition of patients' work done during the last year, and to a sale of work, the latter arranged by Sister Macgregor, to be held on September 5th, at 2-30, at Brabyns Hospital. Tickets are one shilling each, and may be had at Brabyns, at the Annexe, and from

any of the Hospital personnel and patients. There will also be a show of Victorian relics, and the hospital will be on view to any caring to see over it. All kinds of plain and fancy work, vegetables, fruit, and cakes, will be on sale, and gifts of the above will be gratefully received—work to be sent to the Annexe, and perishable goods to Brabyns—and there will be a "war" tea. It is hoped everyone will come who can possibly do so, and help to make it a big success. Gifts received during the week include a large case of bandages from "British Ladies in Chile" (third consignment), a tremendous quantity of vegetables of all kinds from the Exhibition of Allotment Holders at Shepley Hall, a most acceptable gift; tomatoes from Mr. Ashworth, cheese from Mrs. Sewell, and vegetables from Mrs. Middleton-Hill. Treats to the patients were a concert and tea at the Hut, Marple Bridge; a twenty-first birthday tea party for Private Key, at the Cottage, in the Park, and a whist drive at Brabyns among the patients. Captain Blackley paid his monthly visit of inspection of patients on 22nd ult., and on 28th Colonel Cunliffe, from 2nd Western General, inspected the hospital itself, expressed himself pleased with all the arrangements, and consented to 40 beds being in use here by the making of two new wards to be ready at the end of this month. The need for our extra beds provided in the spring (making a total of 56), never having arisen (owing partly to the torpedoing of hospital ships), the County Director has been asked to advise on the necessity for keeping up the Annexe through the coming winter. He writes that the District Director of Medical Stores in the Western Command advises its being closed in September. Through the generosity of Mr. Barlow, who has contributed £250 during the year to the Annexe (apart from other contributions), it has been possible for us to take in many extra patients, but on the score of economy it was felt that a good plan to adopt would be to make new wards at Brabyns, and thus save the Red Cross funds in the immediate future. The winter is usually a less busy time, and should we be called on later to extend, we hope to be able to again respond. The Annexe has been full on the whole during the year of its occupation, and has been a most useful addition to the hospital.



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BRABYNS HOSPITAL.—As is mentioned in the report of the hon. secretary of Brabyns Auxiliary Hospital, an art and crafts exhibition and a sale of work, organised by Sister Macgregor, were held at the institution on Wednesday afternoon. The art and crafts exhibition consisted of work done by soldier patients. Some of it was of remarkable merit. The hon. secretary of the hospital, Miss Fox, in her report for this week, mentions that she will refer to the exhibition and sale of work next week; and we need not, therefore, dwell upon the matter. The following statement on a screen on view immediately the room containing the art specimens was entered will indicate the general character of the work: "On the first three sections of the screen are shown the drawings of Pte. Little, 4,335, 11th Middlesex Regiment. This man had received no training in drawing before he entered Brabyns Hospital, but before he left he could draw accurately. The various stages of his progress are exhibited to show the result of his perseverance and steady application." This notification gives an inkling of the kind of work on view. Some of the drawings, as we have said, were of great merit, both from the technical point of view and that of the humour shown in the conception and execution of the work. Considerable interest was attached to a number of artistically designed and cleverly-executed posters done by patients to advertise the lantern lectures given at Brabyns Hospital during last winter. Pte. H. D. Key ("Jock") had some excellent work on view, as had (amongst many others) Pte. J. Woolfenden (drawings), J. F. Marsden. Amongst other objects on view were a number of Victorian relics, including a dress of Queen Victoria, lent by Mrs. Hollingworth, of Beams-moor. The proceedings in their entirety were of a most interesting character. The weather was lovely for the engagement, and visitors were numerous, especially the fair sex. The sylvan and floral attractions of the grounds at Brabyns were not the least engaging feature of the day, and when we add that tea was served in front of the hall, and that the nurses were in attendance, and that soldier patients were present in picturesque garb, we will have said enough to indicate that this was a very successful effort.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The exhibitions and sales of work held here on 5th inst. were a great success in every way, and yielded a financial result of £101 14s. 2d., of which £5 were expenses. Where everyone concerned worked so hard in the cause it is rather difficult to mention many names—but among the organisers to be specially mentioned is Sister Macgregor, for her kindness in arranging sewing parties, and having a sale, by which she realised £33 7s. 5d. The patients all worked very keenly selling most of the tickets—£30 worth—and helping in other ways. Mrs. Knollys made £16 1s. 8d., and Mr. and Mrs. Hampson £3 1s. 3d., with produce stalls. The Victorian Exhibition (loaned by Miss Hudson), the tea managed by Sister Purdie, flowers sold by the Misses P. and M. Hague, "flyballs" by Miss Kathleen Hampson, and some generous donations from absentees and others, made up the total receipts. About 400 people were present, who showed much interest in the patients' work, and spent money in the usual generous way of Marple people.

On Saturday, 8th, 23 patients, accompanied by two nurses, went to an entertainment, and tea at Romiley given by the Allotment Holders there, and enjoyed themselves very much. There were many other soldiers among the guests.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

After a year of useful work with Sister Macgregor in charge and Mrs. Knollys as cook housekeeper, the Annexe has now been closed. We are sorry to lose two such capable heads, and nothing but the decision of the War Office to shut down small hospitals, and a lack of patients to fill both Brabyns and the Annexe, would have made such a change necessary. Most hospitals are in the same case, and small ones are being closed before the winter. Brabyns has 25 patients at the time of writing, and 40 beds.

Mrs. Storey very kindly entertained the patients to music and tea at the Ludworth Rest, which place is already proving such a benefit to them. The committee of the Marple Bridge Congregational Institute has again thoughtfully placed the building, with its billiard tables, etc., at the disposal of our patients for two afternoons every week during the winter. Mr. Scott (Mellor) took some men a motor run, and brought them back with a hamper of damsons and one of apples. St. Sebastian's and the Marple Bridge Congregationalists also sent vegetables and fruit, so that the kitchen is busy jamming, bottling and drying. Mrs. Burgess sent rabbits from Eyam, Mr. Lomas (butcher) sent three tongues; the Y.W.C.A., Stone Row, sent vegetables and fruit, as also did Mrs. Airey and Mrs. Birch.

Donations were received of £8 4s. 10d. from the Marple Allotments Committee, per Mr. Plant, chairman, the amount being made up as follows:—Sales of fruit, flowers and vegetables from Mr. Shand (Mr. Jones gardener), £3 17s. Mr. Durrah (Mr. Oshaldistone gardener), £1 4s. 2d., other sales 3s. 2d., takings at door £3 0s. 6d.

Considering that this committee had literally showered vegetables and fruit upon us at the time of the allotment show, this second generous gift is very much appreciated.

Another generous donation came from the Marple Women's Meeting, per Mrs. Taylor. It was a collection made by them to the amount of £3 4s. Miss B. Knowles sent 10s. 7d., and Miss E. Knowles 6s., and Mr. P. Etchells 12s. 3d., all being collections from Compstall Mill.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Queen Victoria's dress, so kindly given by Mrs. Hollingworth for the benefit of the Red Cross, was raffled for on November 29th, the drawing of the numbers—the 7th being the winning one—was done by Master Richard Bradshaw-Isherwood: the lucky winner was Miss E. Burrows. The dress, which is very really "Victorian," is a curiosity if only from the extreme shortness of it, to suit its very small though regal wearer. But the material is of the best, the silk being handwoven, and it is trimmed with many yards of fine silk lace. Brabyns Hospital benefitted to the amount of £10 2s. 6d., for which it is very grateful. The second lantern lecture of the season was given on December 6th, by Mr. Edwards, F.R.G.S., the subject "African Travels," to a full and interested house. There have been many donations; amongst these £6, the result of a whist drive and concert, given by Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, at Brabyns Farm; £2 2s. by Mr. Gilbert (Croydon), brother of a patient; 13s. Miss Wood; 11s. 1d. Miss E. Knowles; 17s. 1d. Miss B. Knowles; 12s. Mr. P. Etchells; 10s. Mrs. Hulse. Also a gift of apples, Mrs. Metcalfe, and a number of beautifully made garments from the Marple Red Cross Sewing Society.

BRABYNS HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT FUND.—Messrs. S. L. Laird (Chairman), T. T. Fawcett (Treasurer), and W. Barratt (Secretary), of the above fund, have issued their report for the winter season of 1916-17, which shows the splendid work done to relieve the hard lot of the wounded soldiers who have been patients in the institution. It is a record that does the highest credit to the organisers and the subscribers, and now after we have all pronounced upon the combined efforts of the two classes of workers, the ancient judgment or blessing of "well done good and faithful servants," the duty will again devolve upon the kind-hearted of enabling Messrs. Laird, Fawcett, and Barratt to go on with their beneficent and useful exertions to mitigate the suffering of the soldier patients, to help in their recovery, and to arm them against "the sea of (possible) troubles" that may be encountered by them either in military or civil strife in the future. During the season, 23 concerts and 15 lantern lectures were arranged, for which 84 different artistes gave their services; there have been 11 whist drives and billiard handicaps, a Christmas dinner, followed by tea and whist drive; nearly 200 patients were enabled to visit the Manchester and Stockport entertainments; indoor games and items for outdoor amusement and physical development were provided; joinery tools and accessories, materials for fretwork, painting, and other artistic handicrafts have been furnished. These latter items (says the report) have proved a most satisfactory feature, as many patients have developed latent talent and produced splendid work, which, besides being recreative, will probably be pecuniarily beneficial to the student in the future. Since the date of the account, two motor car trips were organised (to Siddington and Rudyard Lake respectively), in which 57 soldiers participated, at a cost of about £8, and these, with other items, have reduced the balance in hand to £18. "Unfortunately," the hospital (continues the report) will be fully utilised this coming winter, and the brave men who have helped to make glorious history will undoubtedly appreciate the efforts to make their period of convalescence happy, and on their behalf we again appeal to you for assistance to enable us to pursue a programme of entertainment based on our past procedure." Sincere thanks to the subscribers are appended. The statement of accounts shows that the receipts amounted to £39 4s., including £10, part proceeds of a concert (per Mrs. C. The payments side of the statement shows a balance of £29 19s. (but this, as is pointed out in the report, has been reduced to £18).—Mr. Barratt and his colleagues will be no doubt shortly reinforcing their appeal by personal calls upon their friends, whose generous response may be taken for granted.

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MARPLE BRABYNS AUX. MILITARY HOSPITAL.—The hospital is full chiefly of gassed rheumatic cases. The winter concerts and whist drives have been resumed for the benefit of the patients during the long hours which the War Office compels them to spend indoors. Donations have been received as under:—£2 10s. from Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Bowden-lane, from the sale of their pears; £1 18s. 6d. from Mr. Healey, Compstall, by sale of waste paper, which Mrs. Beard (also of Compstall) carts free of charge to the station; 3s. from Misses Greenwood and two friends from sale of scent tickets; 2s. 6d. from Mr. E. Stafford; 11s. 6d. from Miss B., and 8s. 2d. from Miss E. Knowles (both Compstall Mill collections). The Marple Sewing Meeting sent 18 shirts, 18 vests and eight pairs of socks, all much needed; Mrs. Flowerdew sent socks, and Mrs. Beasley sent books. During the year in which the Annexe was open Mr. Barlow contributed £276 10s. to its maintenance, practically covering the cost for the period. A dress worn by Queen Victoria is being raffled to bring up "Our Day" proceeds £500; tickets may be had at this hos-

"OUR DAY."

As stated in the press last week, the Marple Red Cross Committee are arranging to hold an Auction Gift Sale, on Saturday, 29th Oct., in aid of the General Fund for Sick and Wounded Soldiers and Sailors. The sale will be held at 3 o'clock, in the Carver Recreation Club, where the gifts will be on view from 2 o'clock. It is hoped everyone will help on "Our Day" to send up a large contribution from Marple towards the £50,000 now spent weekly on this work. The Home Administration and Management Expenses (excluding hospitals) for the year ended October 20th, 1916, represent 2.92 per cent of the total expenditure, or sevenpence in the pound. It is always satisfactory to support an economically worked charity, and nobody needs pressing—but merely to be told of the actual needs of the B.R.C.S.—to do what is possible for our soldiers and sailors when sick or wounded. The following are some of the branches of Red Cross work abroad: Motor ambulances and launches, hospital trains and ships, hospitals and convalescent homes, recreation rooms, rest stations, enquiry offices for missing and wounded, invalid kitchens, refreshment rooms, the supply of clothing and surgical dressings (the latter cost £1,600,000 in the year), and of parcels of food. To carry on this work there are now serving abroad 6,500 surgeons, nurses, V.A.D.'s, stretcher bearers, hospital orderlies and ambulance drivers. Among the latter are 180 women. Some of the above are voluntary workers; some are paid. There is also an army of clerks, typists, canteen workers, housekeepers, housemaids, cooks, etc., etc., all of whom are kept, if not paid. The British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem work conjointly.

The following is the list of our day committee: Mrs. Barlow (Township Leader), Miss Fox (hon. sec), Miss Hudson, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Wainwright, Miss Cresswell, Miss Sherwin, and Mrs. Scott and Mrs. D. Simon for Miss Barlow. Each lady had a district allotted to her. The Scouts and Girl Guides were most useful. Other helpers included Messrs. Barratt and Laird, J. Turner, Swindells, and Allen, etc.—We had omitted to mention that in one of the rooms adjoining the Hall were shown the specimens of artistic work done at Brabyns Hospital by soldier patients. These formed part of an exhibition held at the institution some weeks ago. An oddity of the exhibition was a dress which had belonged to Queen Victoria. Still vivid on the screen of memory there is a picture of the late Queen as we saw her, a very near spectator, at the opening of the Liverpool exhibition in the late eighties—an

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"OUR DAY."

A Receiving Depot, in connection with the Auction Gift Sale, has been opened at the corner shop of Market-street and Church-lane, through the kindness of Mrs. Lomas, Woods Moor, Stockport. Intending contributors are asked to kindly send their gifts as soon as possible to the depot, which is open daily from 10-30 to 12-30, and from 2 to 4 o'clock. The gifts will be on view, and lists shown of promised as well as of exhibited goods, also tickets for the auction sale on 20th will be sold. On Wednesday the depot will be open in the morning only. As stated in the circulars, anything saleable will be acceptable, useful or ornamental articles, food or live stock (a donkey is particularly wanted). The organizers hope to send up a large sum from Marple for Red Cross work which costs over £5 a minute, and for which a special appeal is being made this year throughout the Empire. This can be done if everyone will send something, and come and bid.

Last week a few details of Red Cross and St. John work abroad were given with expenses of administration (sevenpence in the pound), this week a short resume of work at home in 1916 is included. First and foremost come the hospitals, they provided 57,000 beds in the United Kingdom for 30,000, of which trained nurses were found by the joint societies. There are 7,500 V.A.D.'s working in army hospitals. King George Hospital was equipped (1,850 beds), at a cost of £44,000, and Netley Red Cross Hospital, at a cost of £45,000, besides large sums for maintenance in each case. The Orthopaedic Curative Workshops had £35,000, and the Hospitals for Facial Injuries had £37,000 allotted to them respectively. After-care Institutions for the totally disabled received an initial grant of £20,000. Working parties were supplied with materials to the value of £21,000, books and magazines were sent weekly at the rate of 40,000 to hospitals besides camp depots and convalescent hospitals being supplied with comforts and games. The above represent some of the channels of expense for the joint secretaries, as it is impossible for Governments to give the necessary comforts to the sick and wounded, it has always been the duty and privilege of non-combatants to see that their soldiers and sailors lack nothing that they can give them, even though at some sacrifice to themselves. Marple is, therefore, asked to remember "Our Day" Auction Gift Sale, October 20th, annual effort to be made for alleviating the sufferings of our wounded.

Mr. Ernest Bagshawe has most kindly consented to open the sale.

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"OUR DAY" AT MARPLE.

The Auction Gift Sale, held in aid of the General B.R.C.S. and S.J.A.A. fund, on 20th inst., was opened at 3 o'clock by Miss Hudson, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. E. Bagshaw, who kindly sent a donation of £25. Miss Hudson put up lot one for sale—a silver loving cup, given by Mrs. Hepworth—which was bought and re-sold by Mr. Oldfield (honorary auctioneer), and by several other "sportsmen," until it was finally knocked down for £27 10s.

Mr. Oldfield has the knack of keeping his audience in a good humour, and extracting money from unlikely as well as from likely goods, and he certainly made the most of a very miscellaneous assortment of gifts. For 4lbs. of sugar (sold in two lots) he got £19 19s., and for a cake (given by Mrs. Falconer), he got £4 13s. On Saturday, at 9 o'clock, the sale resembled a cricket match, in that it was "220 (pounds not runs) not out" to its credit. The sale was resumed on Monday evening, when Mr. Oldfield again made a brisk sale, resulting in a total of £297 15s. 9d. on behalf of "Our Day."

Colonel Wainwright, hon. treasurer, gave a brief and hearty appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Oldfield and Mr. Townley. The committee is very grateful to Mr. Oldfield for the great interest he took in all details.

Next week it is hoped to publish the contributions for "Our Day" from donations, collections in church, school, and mills, and from the sale of tickets. The total will be well over £400.

Marple, which includes Hawk Green and the Cheshire parts of Strines and Compstall, has reason to be proud of its response to the appeal made to it for "Our Day."

"OUR DAY."—Full particulars of receipts will shortly be published. These are not yet available, as it is hoped to make up their total to £500 by the sale of tickets for a dress worn by Queen Victoria. Will anyone interested apply at Brabyns Hospital or to the Red Cross secretary. The proceeds up to date from "Our Day" are £303 from the auction sale, and £188 11s. 9d. from donations, collections, and tickets of admission, making a total of £491 12s. 6d., so that it seems desirable to reach £500. The expenses of "Our Day" amounted to £7 17s. 2d., and are to be met by a special donation, which will mean the entire proceeds being sent to Lady Newton, our vice-president. All sacks in which vegetables were sold at the auction are to be returned to their owners. Miss Fox, Red Cross Secretary, will be glad to receive any not yet sent in, either at her house, or the Carver Recreation Club as soon as possible. In some cases the sacks were labelled and addressed.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.—Patients come and leave often very rapidly and unexpectedly. Recently an ambulance arrived at half-an-hour's notice. The total number of men to have been received here in the three years ending October 31st is 546. Brabyns has now 40 beds, all of which were occupied last Saturday. Many of the cases are shell gas, and all are from France. The Marple Defence Corps (F Company, E. Cheshire Platoon) kept an allotment to provide this hospital with potatoes, and sent down a large consignment this week. The gift is most acceptable, and the officer in charge very grateful for the kind thought. Compstall harvest festival, Mrs. Woodhouse, and Mrs. Raines sent vegetables, and Mr. Ashworth fruit. Marple Red Cross Sewing Meeting sent shirts, socks, ward shoes, collars, and muffler. Donations were received as under:—£13 13s. from Mr. Barlow to pay annexe expenses for September; £1 5s. from sale of tomatoes per S.J.H.; £1 from Mrs. Furness (Old Hall), and 13s. from Miss Grimstone, Compstall Mill.

BRABYNS HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENTS.—On October 24th Mr. Dauber's Red Cross Concert Party gave the soldiers a variety entertainment of unusual merit. The artistes were:—Miss Bateman (Stockport), soprano; Miss Annie Davies, the Welsh contralto; "Little Leslie," light comedian; Miss Bateman (Stockport), elocutionist; Mr. Cheetham (Stockport), conjurer; Mr. C. D. Reekie, the well-known comedian; Mr. Harold Dauber (Stockport), accompanist; also a charming little girl in terpsichorean displays. The soldiers were in high spirits with the proceedings, which were the high water mark in this line. On October 29th a whist drive took place, in which nearly all the men participated. The prize-winners were Private Oxley and Gunner Knowles. On October 31st Mr. Pashley's Red Cross Concert Party gave an entertainment; particulars later.

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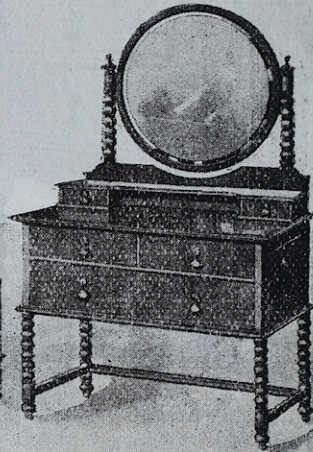
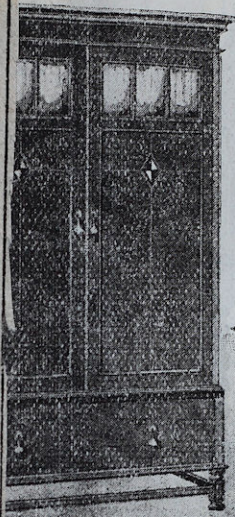
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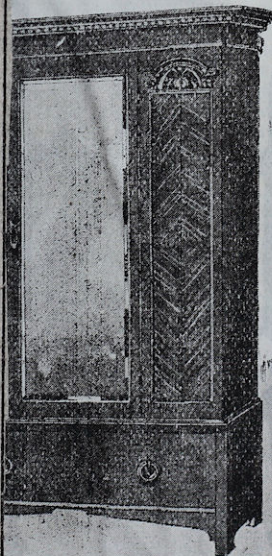
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BRABYNS HOSPITAL.—On Thursday, the 22nd inst., Sister Purdie completed one year's service here as sister-in-charge, and has now been given the rank and title of matron. Queen Victoria's dress is to be raffled on Thursday, the 29th inst., at the hospital, which will benefit by the amount realised through the raffle. Tickets may be had at the hospital or on application to the secretary. Donations were received from:—Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Romiley, £3; Compstall Mill (Albert Yard), per Miss Grimstone, 16s. 1d.; Mrs. Haslam, 4s.; Miss J. Morrison, sale of scent bags, 2s. Mrs. Shand sent chrysanthemums, Mrs. Fitz-Morris knitted shoes, and Mrs. McKenzie 14lbs. of jam. All the patients were invited to tea and a concert at the Ludworth Rest Hut on the 17th, by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Hoole, where they much enjoyed themselves.

THE LATE SIR E. COTTON-JODDRELL. The hon. sec. of Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital writes:—The Red Cross Journal for November has the following account of our late County Director: "It was only so recently as last September that we had occasion, not for the first time, to refer to the excellent work of the Cheshire Branch, then under the active and capable direction of Colonel Sir Edward Cotton-Joddrell, K.C.B. We now have to mourn his death, which took place on October 13th. Sir Edward was in many respects an ideal County Director, for though his death at the age of 70 may also have been partly due to over work, he belonged to a class which is specially fitted for administrative work in the Red Cross organisation, and one to which it is under immeasurable obligations. Sir Edward came to its service with a record of almost exactly the right kind for those who have to direct voluntary work, which must be performed largely under military discipline. Educated at Rugby and Woolwich, he passed into the artillery nearly 50 years ago. Afterwards as a keen volunteer he organised the Cheshire Royal Engineers (Railway) Battalion. From 1885 to 1900 he represented the Wirral Division of Cheshire in Parliament, and from 1906 to 1912 he was Deputy Assistant Director of Volunteer services at the War Office. He had retired for two years when war broke out, and then, at the age of 67, accepted the post of County Director for Cheshire and gave up his whole time and experience to the work, travelling from his home to Manchester five days a week, and being struck down at last while on his way to the Red Cross Offices. The results of his work and that of his able and devoted colleague, Mr. J. H. Brydon, the Hon. County Secretary, bore rich fruit in his lifetime, and will bear fruit for many years to come. He will be deeply missed by those who worked with him and loved him. The Red Cross, in gratefully adding his name to the roll of those without whose aid its great task would have been impossible, can only trust that a noble cause will never want for servants as faithful and thorough."



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BRABYNS' WOUNDED SOLDIERS' BOXING DAY FESTIVITY.

The pleasantly anticipated Yule-tide treat to the wounded soldiers at Brabyns' Military Hospital culminated on December 26th in the Girls' Institute. The Quartermaster, butler, and 40 soldiers sat down to a repast provided by Messrs. Blackshaw, of Stockport. Although rationed, the meal left all concerned quite satisfied. The tables were tastefully decorated, and the scene when all were seated was a happy and jovial one. Participating were the stewards, Mr. Laird (chairman), assisted by Mr. Plant, Messrs. Barratt, Fawcett, F. Hague, Higginbottom, Marshall, Oldfield, G. Turner, Terry and Wright. After the sweets the crackers were exploded, with no deleterious effect on the soldiers' nerves, and the contents allocated to their respective craniums.—Mr. Laird proposed "The King," which was loyally and musically acclaimed.—Mr. Plant then proposed the toast "Our hero guests," with words of praise, appreciation and thankfulness to those soldiers present who had offered their lives in the country's cause. This toast was enthusiastically drunk (in dry ginger) by the civilians, who harmoniously accentuated it by assuring the men they were jolly good fellows. Mr. E. Marriott, the versatile and devoted Quartermaster at the Hospital, replied on behalf of the men with sincerity, and concluded by proposing a toast to the Entertainment Committee and their helpers. Sergeant-Major Gilbert tersely supported. The soldiers' reception of this toast was most gratifying. Mr. Barratt replied on behalf of the committee. Mr. Laird proposed "the lady helpers," to which Miss Fawcett shyly responded. All then wended their way to the concert room, where awaiting were Nurses Andrew, Brown, Buck, Dickson, Dobson, W. Hague, Hampson, F. Hudson, R. Hudson, Jackson, Pickles, Pickford, Plant, Pott, Reece, Sewell, Sydnall, Taylor, Turner, P. Turner, and Wallwork. These ladies had waited long in patience for their patients. Mr. Terry, the ladies' man, paired the couples bearing the pseudonym of comestibles. Mr. C. Wright was the (w)right man to conduct the drive. Fifteen tables were occupied with light-hearted combatants. Eighteen "rounds" were considered sufficient for a decisive result. Whilst the scores were being counted Miss Barratt gave a song, which was followed by a few enjoyable short dances, after which the victors were thrust into the limelight to receive the reward or their skill or luck. The prizes for the soldiers were won (in order named) by Privates Jones, Daly, Baird, Thompson, and Grimslake, and a hidden number prize given by Mr. J. T. Pott was won by Private Ingham. As there were some half-dozen men who could not play, two prizes were given for those guessing nearest to the hidden number. The first was won by Private Smith, and the second (given by Mr. T. T. Fawcett, by Private Sutcliffe. All these prizes, with the exception of the two mentioned, were provided out of the Fund. The nurses and waitresses' prizes (all of which were generously given by Messrs. F. Hague, Higginbottom, Marshall, Oldfield, Plant, G. Turner, Terry and Wright) were won as follows.—Nurses, Mrs. Hampson, Miss R. Hudson, Miss Taylor, and Miss Reece. The waitresses' prizes were won by Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Fawcett and Mrs. H. Wilson. After the hilarity had subsided the soldiers went below to partake of a "knife and fork tea," and the bevy of nurses assumed massed formation, and

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most picturesque they looked, as they partook of their more dainty collation. Thus came to an end the proceedings at the Institute. The soldiers assembled at 7 o'clock at the Hall in the gaily-decorated mess room to enjoy one of the best concerts held there. They were regaled with chocolates, cigarettes, melody and mirth. Mr. Robert Wrigley, of Ashton, had brought his well-known concert party. A perfect pandemonium prevailed on occasions for encores, hooters, talking tom-mies, and stentorian voices combining. The artistes were:—Miss Gibbon (soprano), Miss Ainsworth (contralto), Cadet Butcher (tenor), Mr. R. Wrigley (baritone), Mr. R. H. Makin (humorist), and Miss Cropper (accompanist). No song without encore seemed to be decided upon. It is a pity that the Girls' Institute could not have been used for the concert, but though Miss Hudson used every endeavour it was not permissible on account of the strict Hospital rules existent.

The proceedings terminated at 9-30, and those good people who have subscribed to this entertainment may rest assured that their desires have been fulfilled. Mrs. C. Scott sent £1, and Mr. F. Hague, who won the 1st prize for billiards at the Conservative Club, gave the proceeds (£1 14s.) for this occasion. As sufficient had been allocated to this treat, these monies have been transferred to the general fund. Mr. G. Richards and Mr. H. Wilson each kindly sent three large boxes of cigarettes, and Messrs. S. Sharple and G. Garnett 10lbs. of beef. The sympathy and kindness bestowed upon our soldier guests is very marked in Marple. Incidentally all the waitresses and stewards paid their own expenses throughout, and not one penny piece was expended by the committee on "civilians."

May the next gathering be when war shall be no more. W.B.

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BRABYNS' Wounded Soldiers' Xmas Treat

Girls' Institute, Marple,
December, 26th, 1917.

Arrangements.

Dinner:—12-15.

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Turkey, Plum Pudding, Mince Pies.

Biscuits and Cheese, Fruit, Coffee.

Whist Drive:—2.15 until 4.30 p.m. M.C.—Mr. Laird.

Six prizes to Soldiers—(out of Fund).

Four „ Nurses } Privately
Three „ Lady Attendants } contributed.

Dance and Presentations.

Tea:—5.15. Leave for the Hall, 5.45.

CONCERT.

WAITRESSES:—Mesdames Barratt, Fawcett, F. Hague & Wright.
Misses Barratt, Fawcett and Latham.

STEWARDS:—Barratt, Fawcett, F. Hague, Higginbottom, Laird, Marshall, Oldfield, Plant, Terry, Turner, and Wright.

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BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

We are glad to know that Mr. Brydon, our hon. County Secretary and Acting County Director (since the death of Sir E. Cotton Jodrell) has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, in recognition of his services.

Six hundred and seventeen patients (including the present ones) have been received at Brabyns Hospital since 30th October, 1914. From that date Dr. Burton has been M.O., and he has always taken a great interest in his patients, and never spared himself in any way if he could do anything for them. For varying periods he was assisted by Drs. Hibbert, Tierney and Storey, but for some time has been alone in his attendance.

On Sunday, on the occasion of the King's Proclamation and Call to Prayer to the Nation, Mrs. Stranding, Commandant, Ches. 110, her hon. commandant, and some nurses, attended service at All Saints' Church.

The Liverpool Branch of the B.R.C.S. received a very generous gift of apples from the International Apple Shippers' Association of the U.S.A. The Liverpool Branch has divided its gift among other Branches, so that this hospital gets 40lbs. apples. Mrs. Hall, of Woodley, sent ward shoes and a cushion. Miss Knoop sent ten shillings, as also did Miss Edith Burrows, the winner of Queen Victoria's dress.

Miss Fox is sending a parcel of woollen comforts to the front on Tuesday, 15th, and will be glad to receive further contributions up to that day, at Springfield, Station-road, Marple.

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BRABYNS AUX. MIL. HOSPITAL. — The Secretary will be glad to hear of local nurses, either partly trained or V.A.D. members, willing to help with night nursing at this hospital. For the present nurses it is rather a task to have both day and night nursing. All communications should be made to the Secretary. Donations have been received of £19 5s. from Mr. F. Barlow (part being for a particular object), one pound from Mrs. Sinclair, 3s. 5d. from Miss H. Roberts (Marple Bridge), by a collecting box; £2 (anon.), 13s. 5d. from Miss B. Knowles, and 9s. 1d. from Miss E. Knowles, both Compstall Mill collections. Mrs. Bevan sent a donation of 10s. 6d. Gifts included four tongues (anon.), handkerchief from Mrs. Buck, marmalade from Mrs. Sinclair. The patients are well provided with various kinds of recreation; every Thursday evening there is a lecture—usually lantern—and every Wednesday and Saturday evening a concert; on Friday Mrs. F. Taylor comes for games, and on Mondays the men have a whist drive among themselves. The men have much pleasure from the Marple Bridge Rest Hut, where tea is provided for them and they spend many afternoons; from the Marple Cinema, to which they have passes on Wednesday afternoons, through the entertainment committee; and also from the Marple Bridge Congregational Institute, which allows them the use of their billiard tables on two afternoons a week. The Quartermaster continues to instruct those patients desirous of learning, in painting and woodwork, etc. The Marple clubs also have shown hospitality in many ways. All this means a great deal to them, as it provides them with variety of occupations for the winter days. The Hatherlow players, who a year ago gave "Katakampus" so very successfully, have again kindly offered to help the funds of this hospital by giving three performances of Gluck's "Orpheus" early next month. The printed programme, with a synopsis of the performance, promises a good entertainment. Through the kindness of the Marple Bridge Rest Hut Committee our patients had a thoroughly good time on Saturday, 12th inst., when they were entertained to dinner, and a whist drive, at the latter of which some of the nurses were also present.

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THE GOOD WORK AT BRABYNS.

An honour has befallen our local Branch in that Miss Hudson's name has been mentioned (with names of other ladies) to the Secretary of State for War, for valuable services rendered in connection with the establishment, maintenance and administration of a hospital. This mention is equivalent to "mentioned in dispatches." The township and hospital accounts are published herewith as they were sent (audited) to the War Office and B.R.C.S. respectively. Another week local items of interest will be given from them; all hospital news is held over this week.

The County Report for "Our Day," October, 1917, has been received, and shows our county to have far surpassed its total of 1916 when just on £12,500 was realised, a sum which put us well at the head of the Counties, with the exception of London and Lancashire, both of which have populations eight times as large. This year Cheshire, with a population of under a million, has subscribed over £22,000, which it is interesting to note works out at roughly sixpence a head, and this has been done in addition to the upkeep of over 70 hospitals, the maintenance of a large and increasing Transport, and the support of more than 80 Red Cross Work Parties and 110 Voluntary Aid Detachments. Stockport County Division (in which Marple is) comes out fourth among the twenty-eight divisions, and Marple leads easily in its own Division by its contribution of £501, as against £30 the preceding year.

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS.

Receipts: Balance forward from previous account, £15 15s. 5d.; subscriptions and donations for this year: Two members £2 2s., nine £members £1 1s., total £13 13s.; 1 associate £1, 12 associates 5s., total £1; proceeds of classes, nursing lectures, etc., £7 10s.; "Our Day" total receipts £501; grand total £40 18s. 5d. Payments: Expenses of meetings, lectures, etc., £6 17s. 6d.; administration expenses, including printing, stationery, postage, telegrams and sundries, 17s. 4d.; Comforts, £1 9s. 5d.; "Our Day" total payments, £501; total, £9 4s. 3d. Paid over to Hospital £31 10s.; balance in hand at Dec. 31st, 1917, 4s. 2d.; grand total, £40 18s. 5d.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Receipts: Balance, £137 18s. 2d.; subscriptions and donations, £515 8s. 10d.; entertainments, £297 13s. 1d.; Government grant (including claim for unoccupied beds), £1,595 4s.; bank interest, £7 17s. 9d.; Congregational collections, £21 18s. 6d.; other collections, £53 14s. 8d.; estimated value of gifts in kind, £390 17s. 1d.; salaries paid by B.R.C.S., £98 10s. 6d.; various, £24 18s.; township grant, £31; total, £3,239 5s. 7d. Payments: Provisions, £1,820 9s. 7d.; glass, china, linen, hardware, £15 4s. 2d.; medicine and medical appliances, £136 5s. 2d.; coal, lighting, water, £242 14s. 1d.; stationery, postage, £23 2s. 2d.; laundry, £105 9s. 1d.; wages, £301 2s. 9d.; repairs, £72 14s. 2d.; general expenses, £17 11s. 9d. rent, £49; clothing, £80; daily papers, £6 8s.; balance (in bank £354 17s. 2d., Government grant owing £5 7s. 6d.), £360 4s. 8d.; total, £3,230 5s. 7d.

STATISTICS OF BEDS AND PATIENTS.

Average number of beds available during 1917, 40; total number of patients resident daily, 12,826; total number of patients admitted, 251; average number of days each patient was resident, 43; daily cost of each patient, 4s. 7d.; total cost of each patient during year, £9 10s. 3d. It is specially pointed out that all gifts of food, clothing, and of all useful articles are obliged to have an estimated value put upon them which is added to the accounts and shown on both sides as income and expenditure.

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BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

It is anticipated by the War Office that there will be a tremendous number of wounded to deal with in the kingdom very shortly, and they are pressing for more beds everywhere. Miss Hudson is anxious to do all she possibly can to help, and has been fortunate in having Rose Hill house placed at her disposal rent free by the Messrs. Carver and Bagshawe. On Monday the house was inspected by Major Turner, who gave it a favourable report, and passed it for 30 beds.

Brabyns Hospital has always received such generous support in the district that it has been encouraging to its organisers to continue and extend the work. Extra Government grant has already been applied for to help to meet the larger expenses that must arise, although everything will naturally be done as economically as possible.

It is satisfactory to note that since the general appeal for funds was issued, about a year ago, there have been obtained many regular subscribers in addition to more occasional ones. Entertainments have been got up with splendid financial results in all cases, and many collections have been given to the hospital. All this support will be required more than ever, and its continuance on the part of the neighbourhood is confidently hoped for.

The income and expenditure account published last week (copies of which may be seen in several shops in Marple, Marple Bridge, Strines, Hawk Green and Compstall) shows a favourable balance in spite of the heavy cost of everything during the year. As was then stated, gifts in kind must appear in the account: some of these were medical gifts from Messrs. Taylor and Hough, and Mr. Robinson; beef weekly from Mrs. McNair and Mrs. Arnall; daily papers from Colonel Wainwright, Mr. J. Hyde (at the Annexe), and Mr. Smith (Post Office, Marple Bridge; stationery of every kind from Mr. A. K. Johnson, whose yearly gifts must now be a costly one to him, and which is a great relief to the Hospital expense. Mr. Barlow gave a special donation of £27 10s. for the expenses of the former Annexe. Miss Hudson's gifts to the hospital, apart from the house, the use of linen, silver, glass, china and furniture, are innumerable, and have been valued at far as was possible.

Last week 32 patients went to and enjoyed a pantomime in Manchester; on Tuesday this week 26 went to a whist drive given by the Marple Women's Unionist Association; the other entertainments were as usual.

Donations were as follows:—One guinea from Miss Marion Walker, two guineas from Misses Cooke and Woodhouse, from a whist drive; 15s. 3d. from Simpkins Shed and Albert Mill, Compstall Mill, per Miss Grimstone; 10s. from Mr. Vernon, 11s. 1d. from Miss B. Knowles, and 9s. 5d. from Miss E. Knowles, also Compstall Mill. Strines Sewing Meeting sent nine pyjama suits, and some small garments; Mrs. Lipscombe sent some kitchen crockery, and socks were received per Miss H. Turner.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The military authorities have given their consent to the closing of this hospital for cleaning purposes, as for the moment they are not short of beds. Of the 28 patients now resident fourteen are to be discharged on home furlough, and the remainder are to be transferred until their return here on our reopening. In the meantime preparations are being made for the occupation of Rose Hill when the need comes; it is quite unknown when that will be, but the notice when given will in all probability be very short. The hon. secretary will be glad to receive offers of service for nursing, kitchen, house, pantry and laundry work; also for loans or gifts of kitchen tables, plate rack, large pans, etc., and a gramophone, of course without which no hospital equipment is complete.

On Saturday (16th), Messrs. Battersby and Co., Offerton, entertained twelve of the patients to tea and a concert, a treat much enjoyed.

Donations were the following:—Miss Jessie Morrison (Church Lane), sent 3s. 6d. from scent sachets she made and sold; Mr. James Heaton, junior (Mellor) sent 8s. 11d. from his collecting box, and Miss Wood sent 11s. by her collection at Compstall Mill. Miss Kay sent some home-made marmalade, an acceptable gift; and several anonymous donors sent useful gifts from "store."

Last week Mrs. Arnold's name was incorrectly spelt; she was mentioned as being one of the weekly donors of meat.

Attention is drawn to two performances to be given in aid of this hospital, one on 9th March, in the Girls' Institute, organised by Miss Freda Barlow, and the other on March 16th, at Compstall, organised by Rev. H. Haynes.

No. 653—Jacobean Footstool.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Fumigation and cleaning are going on apace in the all too short respite granted by the W.O. for the purpose. Patients may be sent here again this week end, which will have meant only one week's closing. Offers of service for cooking, nursing, and laundry (ironing as well as washing) should be made to Mrs. Barlow, or to the Red Cross Secretary. As experience shows, most help given to be part time only, it is necessary to have relays of helpers. This means that a great many offers will be needed to run the new annexe. Miss Fox will be glad to discuss work, and all offers with anyone caring to do so, in St. Martin's library, Station-road, on Saturdays from eleven o'clock. Offers of gifts and loans may also be made to her (Springfield, Station-road, tel. 54), of equipment, such as kitchen plate rack and tables, crockery, large dishes, jugs and basins, pans, etc., also couches, easy chairs, garden chairs, etc. All loans and gifts save initial expense, and if people will kindly think of what they can spare, and let the secretary know in good time, it will be a great help in the equipment of Rose Hill.

A Loss to Brabyns —ERNEST MARRIOTT, 35 years.

Mr. Marriott died at Brabyns Hospital, where he acted as Quarter-master, on Friday, March 8th, 1912.

It is with real sorrow that former patients at Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital will hear of the sudden death of the Quartermaster, Mr. Ernest Marriott, which took place on Friday, 1st inst. The deceased, who was in his 36th year, was in his usual health up to Thursday evening, when he gave one of his usual entertaining lectures to the patients and staff. Towards its close he became weak, and gradually getting worse died from heart failure on Friday afternoon. The news cast a gloom over the establishment, and in fact over the district where Mr. Marriott had made many fast friends.

The deceased, who was a native of Manchester district, was studying art in Italy when the war broke out, and he came home and offered himself for service. Rejected for the physical defect that caused his death, he sought other spheres of activity in war time, and took up the work of hospital administration as quartermaster or orderly, first at New Mills, and some two years ago at Brabyns. In this capacity he was a success beyond ordinary meaning of the word in such a connection. He was not satisfied with the mere perfunctory carrying out of the duties of the disposition, but he aimed at a higher level of utility, for he sought to make the lot of the wounded men under his charge better and brighter. He taught them many arts and accomplishments which will be of pleasure and utility in the days to come, drawing and carving and the making of things. He was especially solicitous for the patients confined to bed, on whom he danced attendance, as the saying goes, remembering that they, unlike their comrades on the convalescent list, had to have all their little pastimes handed into their hands, as it were. For his thoughtfulness in this direction there is many a soldier now far from Brabyns who will receive the news of his death with a "Lord, have mercy upon him," felt, if not expressed. Personally he was a most estimable gentleman to those who had the privilege of his acquaintance, refined and interesting. He was a first favourite with the staff, and all at Brabyns, where he will be missed exceedingly.

On Monday afternoon the remains were interred at St. Martin's, adjoining the hospital. The coffin, covered with the flag, was carried on the shoulders of the patients, and it was followed by the father and brother of the deceased as chief mourners. The cortege was made up of Miss Hudson and the staff of the hospital, the indoor and outdoor employees at the Hall, a number of V.A.D. nurses, and about a dozen personal friends from the district. The Ludworth Red Cross Rest Hut Committee was represented by Mrs. Dorrak, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Woodhouse, and Mrs. Butterworth. The funeral service was most impressively conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. R. Hickson. On the grave were placed some beautiful natural flowers, including floral remembrances from Miss Hudson, the matron and staff, the employees, Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves, and Miss Hargreaves, the Manchester Literary Society, and others.—Mr. Vernon, of Marple, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The sudden and tragic death of our Hon. Quartermaster, Mr. Ernest Marriott, has caused the most true and heartfelt sorrow to everyone connected with this Hospital. For one year and nine months he has given his whole devotion to the work here, throwing freely into it all his great powers of organisation and of wonderful method, besides those, equally great and varied, of craftsmanship and of artistic genius. To him, too, everyone turned for help on all occasions, sure of willing and kindly instant response. Indeed, sometimes one wondered if there was anything he did not know all about. One striking characteristic was his great power of making friends, together with the confidence he inspired from his mere personality. One cannot try to say what this Hospital owes to him, but his memory will long remain an influence for good; the sense of loss is overwhelming.

AN ARTIST OF MERIT.

"H. B." writes in the "Manchester Guardian": The late Ernest Marriott, who died on Friday at the Brabyns Military Hospital, Marple Bridge, where he acted as quartermaster, was one of those Manchester men who are at least as well known outside Manchester as in it. In Manchester he was known best as the librarian for ten years of the Portico Library, as a member of the Literary Club, and as a keen controversialist in support of the spirited policy of the Art Gallery Committee of a few years ago. Outside Manchester he was known as a lecturer and as the organiser of art exhibitions. He had arranged exhibitions at Warsaw, Zurich, Budapest, and Cologne. As a black-and-white artist he contributed to "Punch"; his caricatures had a witty malice which avoided the grossness of Continental caricature and the common English error of a too great gentleness; he illustrated an edition of "Don Quixote"; he painted in watercolour in Wales, Arran, Belgium, and Italy. In 1912, he joined Gordon Craig, and was chief assistant at Craig's School of the Theatre in Florence. War brought him home, and presently to the Brabyns Hospital, where, apart from managerial duty, he did remarkable work in art tuition of the patients. His results with mental defectives and with normal men who had never handled a brush before were extraordinary. His literary work includes a monograph on Jack B. Yeats and a number of travel sketches. He wrote serious poetry, but found his best literary medium in his charming, impish, whimsical, children's verses. Never robust, the strain of his war work wore him out, and he died, at 35, in the hospital to whose patients he devoted himself.

AN APPRECIATION.

The news of the passing of our friend Marriott gave quite a shock on Saturday morning. It seemed but a few days since we saw him in his usual health, and quite busy on behalf of "Brabyns." As one who met him and found a number of occasions for friendly chat, I was not unaware of his somewhat uncertain health. But to see him for the first time was to be impressed by his rather distinguished features. He had keen perception, a most intelligent, yet kindly face. His manner was that of one conscious of his powers, yet altogether unassuming. There was a note of cordiality and sincerity in his greeting, and he was one of those personalities whose presence acts as a tonic. There was unmistakably a mark of refinement about him. I should say he was first of all a gentleman by nature—possessing generous sympathies, large-heartedness, and high-souled principles. He had no little critical faculty, but I found no meanness in him. He was evidently a gentleman by education, as only a little conversation might soon reveal. His was a most active mind, well, exercised in literature and art, and enlarged by travel and experience. He was a most interesting conversationalist, with a fund of stories, not lacking humour, and full of recollections of persons and things he had seen. He held decided views on politics, sociology, and religion, and he could always give a good account of the faith that was in him. I judge he was liberal and progressive in the best sense of those terms. In religion he was not quite orthodox, yet at heart, I believe he was truly religious. He was seeking for what most young men of reflection and earnestness seek and miss too much in these days—the evidence of reality in our organised religion. The form without the life is most unsatisfying and even repelling to men of intensity and conviction. Our friend was naturally drawn into the service of art, and for its sake was willing to live unselfishly. But the war interrupted his work, and caused his return from Europe. This was probably one grudge he had against it. Besides that he had formed friendships among those who were now of enemy countries and who, I think, it can at least be said, were conscripted against their will to fight for a military despotism.

While a true Englishman and a good patriot, I believe I am right in saying our friend had international sympathies; he had visions of the larger brotherhood of man, and desired to see it come to pass. To him the war was a sorrowful tragedy. He was not by nature a fighting man, for at heart he was a passivist. He was, however, physically unfit for the army, and it is to his credit that he gave himself unstintingly to the service of the sick and wounded. At "Brabyns" he has done excellent work. As Quartermaster, he was no mere official. The Hospital owes something to his many-sided activities. He was, indeed, a "handy man," and ever willing to turn his attention to little things that made for increased comfort and cheerfulness. In his own particular work he was methodical and systematic. On the social side he gave himself wholeheartedly, and in this sphere found opportunity for his unusual gifts. He delighted in providing entertainment for the men, but always aimed at combining pleasure and profit, finding a place for things of an elevating and educational value. He gave many illustrated lectures, and was his own lanternist. The very last thing he did for the men was a lantern lecture on "Venice." He usually got to know the patients in a more intimate way by friendly conversation, and not a few of those who have passed through "Brabyns" are indebted to him for his lessons on art—lessons that have been greatly appreciated at the time and since by many of his old pupils. He invariably sought to bring out the better qualities of the men, and there is no doubt about the kindly and stimulating influence he exercised.

THE STORES

His useful services will be missed by none more than by Miss Hudson herself. We are thankful for the gracious ministry Miss Hudson is rendering to our wounded soldiers—a ministry she would be the first to recognise is only made possible by the generous help of others.

"Brabyns" is the poorer by passing of Ernest Marriott. Such gifts as he possessed, and such versatility are not met with every day. We are glad to have had the privilege of his service, and are richer for it.

The war has made us familiar with death, but what a toll it is taking of young and pro-

missing lives! Not all its victims are slain on the battlefield. Our hope is that the days to come shall be richer for the sacrifices and the sorrowful sowing of the present time.

Marple.

H. HAYNES.

BRABYNS HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT.

On Tuesday, March 7th, the late Mr. Ernest Marriott, the Quartermaster at the Hall, made his final effort to interest and instruct the wounded men. It took the form of a lantern lecture on his sojourn in Venice. The task was arduous, as, though not feeling well, he had to manipulate the lantern, and deliver the lecture. On Saturday the concert pre-arranged was, of course, cancelled. On Monday the usual whist drive took place. On Wednesday the men visited the Gem Picture House. On Thursday Mr. Glossop gave a most interesting lantern lecture, the subject being "Japan." En passant, the Entertainment Committee have, through the tragic death of Mr. Marriott, lost a helper of great value. He assisted them in their work with alacrity, pleasure and consistency. Mr. Marriott was a man whose place at Brabyns will be very difficult to fill. He was courteous, thoughtful and methodical to a degree. He was ever on the alert to make his artistic abilities of value to those in his charge. He was quick to discover latent talent, and held written testimony from past patients now in the trenches, whose future, if spared to return home, will be made more congenial and remunerative through the devoted tuition received from the late Quartermaster. Ever uppermost in his mind was the culture of the men, the lighter vein, except on rare occasions, being to him a side issue. He has taught many of the past patients painting, fretwork, designing and joinery. He was especially enthusiastic on open-air amusements, believing that two purposes at once were being served. He has entertained the men on too few occasions with song and lecture. He supervised the billiard handicaps and whist drives, and was ever thoughtful of every detail calculated to add enjoyment and comfort of the men in whom he had such interest. The staff at the Hall have lost one who was a factor in making their strenuous, patriotic and merciful duties lighter. The labourer's task is o'er, and the memory of his efforts to serve faithfully will long be remembered by those who were favoured with his acquaintance, and now sleeps one who has faithfully "done his bit" for many of those men who have valiantly offered their lives for the emancipation of mankind.

Prior to the war there existed in Manchester a very select institution whose activities were quite unknown to the outer world, and maybe of no significance whatever in comparison with those of, say, the Cotton Exchange; and yet, some day, it will of a certainty find a historian. Indeed, one might safely prophesy that from thence onward the "Swan" Club, as the institution was called, will take its bright particular place among the literary rookeries which are sprinkled in welcome relief against the skies of our age. It was the Swan Club that saw the formation of the little band of writers for the stage which the capital patronisingly labelled as "the Manchester school of drama." Until he went abroad for the stay in Italy which

ended in his premature death, Stanley Houghton was a leading personality at its weekly gathering. Mr. Harold Brighouse could doubtless make a memorable tale of the happenings in that upper room of a café, for there it was that "Hindle Wakes" and "Hobson's Choice" were read in manuscript by their authors. The artist of the circle was Mr. Ernest Marriott, whose death is announced this week.

Ernest Marriott was perhaps the best known, locally speaking, of the Swan Club group. It was at one of the Literary Club's meetings in the Grand Hotel, under the late George Milner's chairmanship, that Mr. Marriott read his monograph on the dramatic miniatures of the Irish artist Jack B. Yeats, afterwards published as a booklet by Mr. Elkin Mathews, and perhaps the most characteristic thing Marriott ever did. The title-page is itself a masterpiece of quaint humour, with its announcement that within is "Animadverted, Excogitated, and Perpended the Truth and Quality of this Unparalleled Artist's Pictorial Observations, the Rare Valour and Solemn Intent of his Plays for the Toy Stage, and his Divers Inventions for the Delight of all those who keep Youth ever in their Hearts. . . ."

A correspondent who styles himself "the joint progenitor and godfather of the Swan Club," mentioned in Thursday's "Miscellany," writes:—Our meetings were not weekly, but daily, round the lunch-table. "The Swan" was a (very) informal gathering of a few kindred spirits bound by a common love of art, music, literature, and the drama and a common loathing of cotton-grubbing. At the "inaugural meeting" it was decided that there were to be no officers, no rules, and no subscriptions; "once a member always a member"; but it was an "unwritten law" that if one "Swan" shook hands with another or called him "Mister" he was to be expelled instantaneously. Another unwritten law was that we were not to read our own plays or other compositions to the club. Had anyone dared to do this he would have been pelted with dinner rolls or had a napkin stuffed down his throat. I am sorry, therefore, to dispel the pretty legend of the reading of "Hindle Wakes" and "Hobson's Choice" in manuscript.

On entering the clubroom the privileged guest was "hit in the eye" by the brilliantly-coloured cartoons of the thirteen members by Ernest Marriott. The series included one of himself, and perhaps they were the best things he ever did. Each victim was represented by a burlesque figure which somehow conveyed a startling and uncanny impression of the real man. Marriott was also keeper of the Swan scrap-book, a medley of skits, caricatures, and distorted news-cuttings relating to the members. He also designed a little block of a swan above the letters M.S.C., which appeared on the title-page of certain publications; and a whimsically extravagant menu card for each Christmas supper. Of the thirteen original members "some are vanished, some are dead." And lo! the Swan Club already has become legendary and famous.

BRABYNS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Rose Hill, the new annexe, is to receive its first patients to-day (Saturday). Miss McLachlan is the sister-in-charge, and she comes to us with very good references. Until the permanent cook arrives, Mrs. Poole (Manchester) is temporarily filling that post, and giving her services. Rose Hill was on view to visitors two afternoons last week, one of which was very wet, and adversely affected the attendance. Gate money amounted to £4 13s. 6d. Mr. F. Barlow, J.P., has sent a donation of £20, part of which is on account of increased expenses; Mr. and Mrs. Clymer have each sent £5 5s.; Mrs. Hartley sent £2, and Mr. and Mrs. Woolfenden £1. There have been several regular subscriptions in addition.

A well-known couple who wish to remain anonymous are providing two daily morning papers at Rose Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Giles have given a bed, Mr. and Mrs. Paton have again lent pictures for the staff room, Mrs. Beeley and Mrs. Irving have both lent and given furniture, and there have been other gifts of crockery, tables, and ash trays, the last from J. Morrison and D. Cooper. Mrs. Nightingale has done whitewashing free of charge, Mrs. Taylor (Stockport-road) is giving her services daily; in fact many offers and gifts are being gratefully received. Mr. E. C. Corry is kindly arranging orderlies, whilst those at Brabyns will, as now, be arranged by him and Mr. E. T. Spencer.

APRIL 13, 1918.

BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

This week marks a new era in the history of Brabyns Hospital. Rose Hill annexe was opened on Monday last, when twenty patients were sent in from the parent hospital to make room for new arrivals—25. The sister-in-charge (Miss McLachlan) and temporary cook went in on the 12th, so everything was in readiness for the patients. Brabyns will receive all new patients, who, after a longer or shorter stay, will be drafted on to Rose Hill, from whence they will get their discharge. It is hoped to make good use of the vegetable garden, to rear poultry, etc., and to get as much pleasure for the patients by work and play out of doors as possible. More garden chairs will be acceptable, and for indoors, cupboards, chests of drawers, one bed and mattress, and big boxes for stores.

Mrs. McDonald sent an adjustable invalid couch and a game, Mrs. D. Simpson a useful table and easy chair, Mrs. Barlow new crockery, Mrs. W. Taylor new laid eggs, and there were other gifts and loans. The Marple Sewing Meeting sent a large parcel of clothing, as also did the County Stores B.R.C.S. Whitworth-street, both most acceptable gifts. Seventy beds require a tremendous amount of clothing and equipment. Blankets, sheets, towels, etc., were given by B.R.C.S. Stores Department, London, but beds and mattresses had to be bought, as the war office has withdrawn its offer of new equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sugden sent £5, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton (Romiley) £4, Mr. Ashworth £1, Mrs. A. K. Johnson £1, Rose Hill Box 8s. total proceeds of view days £5 6s.

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Brabyns Military Hospital.

There are 60 patients at present, 24 of whom are at Rose Hill, where the County Director, Mr. Brydon, C.B.E., paid a visit of inspection on the 20th inst. He was much pleased with all the arrangements made for the comfort of the patients and staff.

On Saturday, 20th, through the kindness of "The young ladies of the Primitive Methodist Sunday School," the patients and staff were invited to a matinee of a cantata, and to a very excellent tea, both of which they thoroughly enjoyed. Another performance was given in the evening, with the result that £17 has been sent to this hospital. Many thanks are due to the organisers for their hard work, and for having no expenses whatever to take from their receipts. On Wednesday, 24th, Mr. Ashbrooke (Mellor) kindly invited the patients and some nurses to a matinee at the Palace, Manchester, a treat much appreciated.

During the winter the patients have made good use of the Marple Bridge Congregational Institute, kindly placed at the disposal by the committee for billiards, etc.

Donations received were £5 from Mr. and Mrs. Parkes, £1 5s. from servants' hall box, Brabyns, and 5s. from "Annie and Molly," pennies they had saved.

Mr. A. G. Williams sent 500 cigarettes, 25 holders and some puzzles to Rose Hill. Mrs. Buck sent an easy chair, and Mrs. McNair a door scraper. A kitchen clock would be very acceptable, large or small. Mr. A. R. Johnson wishes to include Rose Hill in his gift of notepaper to Brabyns Hospital, which he has supplied from the very beginning, and sent his first consignment last week. Mrs. Bagshawe sent cigarettes and books, Mrs. Clynes a mattress, and coal box Mrs. Blood. Mrs. E. made and sent three dozen tea-cakes, pickled walnuts and flowers, Mrs. O. Scott a sitting of turkey and hen eggs, Miss Smith (Offerton) a sitting of the latter. Can anyone spare rabbits for rearing purposes—Belgian hare, if possible—also some hutches?

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HEROINES OF PERVYSE.

NINETEEN MONTHS IN THE FIRING LINE.

The story of two English ladies' brave devotion to wounded and sick soldiers in the firing line was related at the Albert Hall, Manchester, on Thursday evening. The ladies were the Baroness de T'Serclaes and Miss Mairi Chisholm, and, dressed in their serviceable khaki costumes and wearing the decoration of Chevalier de L'Ordre de Leopold II., recently awarded to each of them by King Albert, they themselves told the story simply and modestly. Dean Welldon, who presided over the gathering, observed that it was not only the men who fought who bore the hardships and perils of war. Women, too, had spontaneously undertaken a full share of all the suffering which was consequent upon modern warfare, and the two ladies present had for nineteen months been ministering to the Belgian Army. They had been conversant with all the terror and anguish of war, had lived in the firing line, slept in the trenches and dug-outs. There was no hardship which they had not been ready and willing to bear, and it was not without reason that Mr. John Redmond had described them as "the heroines of Pervyse."

Wounded and Dead Side by Side.

The Baroness de T'Serclaes narrated how she and others went out to Belgium in September, 1914, with Dr. Hector Munro's ambulance. They were sent direct to Ghent and from there to all the battlefields around Ghent. At Melle, where Miss Chisholm and herself were working alone, they got mixed up in a bayonet charge by the Germans while attending to the French wounded. The Germans rushed past them, but luckily the French retook the village and they were saved. After describing adventures in the retreat of the Belgian Army to Dunkirk, the Baroness told how they were ordered to return to a certain village to do what they could. They came to a British hospital at a big convent. It was packed with wounded and dead, and with only one English sister to about every 100 wounded, and 140 cases awaiting surgical operation. Their work here was chiefly removing the dead lying beside the wounded, and for nine hours Miss Chisholm and she moved stretcher after stretcher bearing dead men. Next they went to Dixmude, which the Germans had been bombarding for ten days. There was there one Belgian doctor quite alone, who had to attend to 300 or 400 wounded Belgian soldiers besides civilians. At the doctor's request they fitted up a small dressing station. The Baroness, at this stage of her narrative, related one of many humorous incidents which she introduced into her story. They found an old woman who had been in a cellar for ten days without food and hardly any water. Her hand had been wounded by shell, and gangrene was setting in. The old woman was very annoyed about something, but about what the Baroness could not make out. At last she got a Belgian soldier to interpret what the old woman was complaining about. The soldier listened to her, and then said: "Oh, it's all right. She's only angry because there's a wisp of hair hanging down and she can't get her hand up to put it right."

Under Shell Fire.

While working at Dixmude, the Baroness continued, she noticed that an ambulance which carried six stretcher cases generally reached the hospital with only one alive. The wounds, she found, were not such as should cause death, and that the deaths must have been brought on either by shock or the driving over the rough roads. She came to the conclusion that many lives could be saved if the men were attended to straightaway in the trenches. She approached the Belgian Government, and eventually she and Miss Chisholm were given permission to live in the trenches.

They were sent to Pervyse and attached to the 3rd Division of the Belgian Army, the division which defended Liege. They were, however, quite unrecognised by the military authorities, and were absolutely thrown on their own resources. They had to take the soldiers into their confidence, and ask them to help them, which they did. The soldiers gave them a corner of their trenches, and they slept upon straw and ate food given to them by the soldiers. They found their system worked well, and that if they could directly get to men suffering from shock and treat them they recovered. During this work they were often under shell fire, "and," added the Baroness, "it is not at all pleasant. You don't feel one bit brave. You're all taut, and if you are hit you suffer dreadful nerve shock." There was one side of the work, she observed, that she was particularly keen on, and that was attending to sick soldiers. "Some people think only of the wounded in warfare, but I think the sick soldier is just as honourable as the wounded one, because he has done his bit."

She and Miss Chisholm were, she believed, the only two women allowed in the firing line of the Allied armies. They had thirty thousand soldiers in their charge, and had to attend to all sick and accident cases. She had been asked why she didn't get the Belgian Government to help her and support her ambulance. Her answer was that she would immediately be wound round and round by endless rolls of red tape. She found she could work more effectively and promptly by being independent of official aid. Their dressing station was open from midnight to midnight, and the wounded and those who had sustained accidents could come to it at any time and not only during specified hours.

Fifteen Miles for a Bath.

Miss Chisholm explained briefly their financial and other needs to enable them to carry on their work. They had hitherto been supported mainly by money and gifts from private friends, but they wanted their work run on a sound business basis. They needed especially a regular income of £60 per month, which would cover the whole of the expenses of running the dressing station and the upkeep of the ambulance. They had a small motor lorry, but it was not nearly large enough to convey and distribute the many cases of comfort for soldiers, which was part of their work. They wanted a three-ton lorry. Another thing they wanted was a two-seater car to enable them to get quickly from one part of the field to another, and also to enable them to go down once a week to the base for a bath. "At present," remarked Miss Chisholm, "if we want a bath it means a fifteen miles' walk." Touching upon some of their experiences, she said that one dug-out in which they lived was entirely destroyed by shell-fire one day. The dug-out was divided into two parts, one for themselves and one for an orderly, lent to them by a regiment. One day a shell came and hit the part occupied by the orderly. They dashed out of their part and ran round to see if the orderly had been hurt, but he happened to have been cut at the time. While they were looking for him another shell came right through their own part of the dug-out, and killed a Belgian doctor who had come in. "That," remarked Miss Chisholm, "was our luck, the good luck we have had all through."

The Baroness de T'Serclaes is the wife of the Baron de T'Serclaes, of the Belgian Army Flying Corps, whom she married in January last. She was formerly well known as Miss Knocker. Miss Chisholm, who is still in her teens, is a granddaughter of the late Colonel Fraser, of Newtown, Nairn. Both ladies are on leave until May 19.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1918.

Messrs. ISAAC NEILD, SON, & LEES, Hon. Auditors.

Brabyns Hospital will be closed on May 26th. Will anyone having a claim of any kind in respect of money or loaned goods please apply to the Secretary, Brabyns Hospital, Marple Bridge.

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Brabyns Military Hospital.

In the list of "Officers of the Order of the British Empire" in the supplement of the "London Gazette," the name of Miss Hudson appears for services rendered in connection with the war. This honour is greatly appreciated by herself and by the hospital staff, both nursing and domestic; also by the Marple Red Cross Committee, as a public recognition of what Marple and the neighbourhood has been able to do for the wounded and sick in this war.

Katharine, Duchess of Westminster puts it so kindly and in such an understanding way in writing to Miss Hudson: "I hardly like to congratulate you upon the honour that has been bestowed upon you, as I know that the voluntary work you have done cannot be rewarded in that way; but I hope you will look upon it as a mark of appreciation for what your hospital and staff have been able to do to relieve much pain and suffering during these sad years of war."

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namely Mr. G. Haworth, Marple Bridge, and Mrs.
Blakley, Skines, both of whom met with a generous
response.

The local Secretary & Treasurer again defrayed
postage expenses -

During Whitsuntide several civilians were taken in and tended here as the result of cycle accidents on Brabyns Brow; one was a "cot" case. Among the military patients there have been several operations. Two honorary Fire Inspectors visited Brabyns and Rose Hill to advise and discuss precautions against fire, and the best procedure in the event of one happening. On Sunday Colonel Ogstone was the monthly medical inspector. There have been 760 patients in this hospital since October, 1914. On Thursday, the 6th inst., the Entertainment Committee took the patients and some of the staff a drive to Alderley Edge; the weather was perfect and the day was most enjoyable throughout. Donations received are as under:—Miss Grimstone, Simpkins Shed and Albert Yard, 11s. 3d., and 8s. 10d. (two collections); Miss B. Knowles, 19s. 5d., Big Shed; Miss E. Knowles, new shed, 15s. 4d.; Mrs. Furniss (sale of lilac), 15s.; Misses Wheeldon (box in shop), 12s. 4d. The young turkeys and chickens are thriving at Rose Hill; Mrs. Cooper would be most grateful for the loan of two broody hens and of the gift of two sittings of eggs. Gifts were:—A sitting of eggs and 36 tea cakes, Mrs. R.; golf balls, Mellor Golf Club; bowls, Mrs. Godley; 36 new laid eggs (weekly) and a ham, Mr. Haslam; a table cover and hammock, "Anonymous"; vases, table covers, thermometers, surgery, and stool per Miss Barlow; 200 cigarettes, Mrs. E. Braddock; books and magazines, Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mrs. Rimmer, and Anonymous; tea cloth, Mrs. D. Simon; and old linen, Mrs. Fox. Lawn rollers have been lent by Mr. Bradshaw Isherwood and Mr. Gatley; and a lawn mower by Mr. Plant. Among voluntary workers at Rose Hill nobody is more valuable than Mrs. W. Taylor (Stockport-road). She goes in every morning to attend to all the bedrooms, which she has undertaken to do as her war work. In these days of scarcity of labour an offer is much appreciated.

BRABYNS AUX. MILITARY HOSPITAL.
The winding-up sale was held here in the grounds in beautiful weather on July 5th, and realised £171 9s. after all expenses had been paid. The proceeds will be devoted chiefly to the proposed Cheshire Hospital for tubercular discharged soldiers and sailors. This hospital is to be the Red Cross County War Memorial, and will be on a large scale to be able to supply the necessary treatment to the very large number needing it. Much of the hospital equipment has been sent to Brinnington Hospital, Stockport, which is for paralytic and neurasthenic officers and men. Other recipients of our surgical and ordinary goods were Mellor Cathedral Home, Marple and Marple Bridge Nursing Societies, Marple Crippled Children's Home, Missions to Seamen, and Universities Mission to South Africa. All these gifts had the sanction of the County Director, without

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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY

Liquidation Account, from 26th May, 1919 (the official date for closing the Hos

CASH ACCOUNT.

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| Cash in Bank... 211 5 6 | Amount paid for dilapidations ... 125 0 0 |
| Total received by sale of Provisions, Clothing, Bedding, Furniture, &c. ... 194 7 0 | County Demobilisation Committee for credit of Tuberculosis Hospital .. 350 0 0 |
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Signed,

W. C. BROWN, A.C.A., Auditor.

A. L. WAINWRIGHT, Treasurer.

In addition to the above Gifts were made at the e

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Various small gifts

The Marple Branch of the British Red Cross Society continues to give Massage Treatment in the District who need it. For this purpose a Masseuse attends at a Room in Marple Three

G. B. Reynolds, Printer, Marple.

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official date for closing the Hospital), to 8th November, 1919.

GIFTS ACCOUNT.

In addition to the above Cash Receipts and Payments the following Gifts were made at the estimated values shewn below:—

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| Marple and Marple Bridge Sick Nursing Societies— | | | |
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| Marple Home for Crippled Children—Games and | | | |
| Bandages | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| Altrincham Red Cross Clothing Depot—Clothing ... | 70 | 8 | 8 |
| Universities' Mission to Central Africa (for looted | | | |
| Hospitals)—Drugs and Bandages, etc. | 32 | 2 | 3 |
| St. Peter's Girls' Club (Stockport)—Books | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Mission to Seamen—Books | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Brinnington Hospital for Discharged Men—Furniture | 186 | 11 | 0 |
| Various small gifts | 9 | 2 | 6 |
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BRABYNS AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL,
MARPLE BRIDGE,
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Brabyns Auxiliary Military Hospital



From *October 31st 1914* To *May 26th 1919*

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