

LOOKING-GLASS (Continued.)

Toronto Orthopedic Hospital, and 156 patients have been discharged. In some minds there may arise doubt as to the necessity of a hospital devoted exclusively to the treatment of deformed and crippled persons. There is, however, general agreement among those most competent to judge that the whole field of orthopedic surgery cannot be adequately covered in general medical and surgical practice. Nor does specialization alone place the practitioner in a position to deal successfully with orthopedic problems, for an expensive and constantly growing special equipment is required. I do not know how far the surgeons of Montreal are equipped in this direction, but I do know that the number of halt and maimed to be seen in the poorer sections of the city suggests that we might wisely follow Toronto in establishing an Orthopedic Hospital. There could be no better field for philanthropy than this.

THOUGH Canada has lost a good officer in Major-General Hutton, and though the Government of the day may be culpable, a great deal of the criticism of Hon. Dr. Borden and his Department comes with very bad grace out of the mouths of Conservatives. One would think, to hear the noise made by some of the Opposition windmills, that there had never been friction, until now, between the G. O. C. and the Department of Militia. As a matter of fact, the Conservatives, when in power, knew how to ignore and hamper the successive Imperial officers, who commanded our forces, quite as much as was good for the health of the latter. General after General has been driven away from Canada, and the whole blame does not rest upon this party or upon that, but upon the miserable state of political honor and morality of both parties. Seemingly, it is impossible for a Government in Canada to administer any Department without seeking to make it a donkey-engine to serve party ends. The more capable and honest an official is, and the more resolutely he stands in the way of sacrificing the country to the machine, the surer and swifter will be the vengeance of those he antagonizes. This is equally true of Conservatives and Liberals alike, and Conservative criticism of Liberal wrong doing savors only too much of the pot calling the kettle black. At the same time, the circumstances surrounding Major-General Hutton's recall should be probed to the bottom. The people of Canada are, perhaps, no longer in the right temper to permit political marplots to manipulate military matters, which are becoming more and more important from either the national or the Imperial viewpoint. When the full correspondence is brought down, every patriotic Canadian should make it his business to digest it thoroughly, and to protest, in the most efficient way he can, if it appears that our national defences are being made the plaything of politicians. As *The Canadian Military Gazette* points out, "The fact that since 1883 five successive G. O. C's. have withdrawn from the command before they had completed their terms of office is convincing that something must be radically wrong; and that they were gentlemen of much varying calibre and attainments is enough to show that all the fault cannot have been on the side of the Imperial officer."

NO better appointment has been made by the Militia Department in connection with the Boer War than that of Lieut.-Col. Gordon, D.O.C. He has been both popular and efficient in the discharge of his duties here and well merited the enthusiastic send-off he received. His hundreds of friends wish him a wealth of warlike experience and a safe return.

ANY faults and deficiencies that may have characterized the first Canadian contingent have been wiped out in a grand and touching manner by the outpouring of blood, last Sunday, at Modder River. Only enthusiasts thought the first contingent all it might have been, but from the moment the cable

flashed the news to Canada that her sons had drenched African soil with their blood, a single feeling became dominant, and that is that our boys are heroes who have done credit to Canada and been true to the traditions of the fighting stock from which they sprang. Neither Canada nor the Empire can bestow too much honor on the boys who voluntarily went forth to the hardships of war and the fearful baptism of fire. The price is a heavy one for Canada to pay, but, having taken the chances of war, we must not shrink from the result. With the sons of the other colonies falling in defence of the flag, Canada would have felt dissatisfied, and her volunteers themselves would have come back heavy hearted, had no opportunity been given our boys of proving that they are not made of inferior stuff. The spilling of so much blood brings the war home to us, and we can now realize what the feelings of the people in the old land must have been through all these months of bereavement and suspense.

FELIX VANE.

THAT the concert on Tuesday evening was the last of Miss Abbott's recitals at the Art Gallery, is, no doubt, a matter of regret to all those who have attended the series. Throughout, the talent engaged, if not abnormal in any way, has given a great deal of pleasure, and the pleasant surroundings, together with the fact that almost all present knew one another, made these concerts more of the nature of "musicales." The programme of the last recital was very much more varied than the preceding ones, for the performers, besides Miss Abbott, were four in number. Miss Lichtenstein, of the Royal Victoria College, Miss Ada Wait and Mr. E. B. Felton, vocalists, and Mr. Haus Kronold, cellist. Perhaps the last named created the most enthusiasm. His playing was delightful, and his various numbers were keenly appreciated. Everyone was disappointed that an opportunity was not given to hear Miss Lichtenstein as a soloist, for few in Montreal, except personal friends, have had that pleasure. As usual, the audience was an extremely large and fashionable one. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Green-shields, Miss Cook, Mr. G. A. Drummond, Miss Sise, the Misses Angus, Mrs. Gillespie, Miss Gillespie, Miss O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mackenzie, Miss Mackenzie, Miss Stephens, Mr. Horan, Mr. MacCunn, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingham, Mrs. Parker, Miss Parker, Miss Stikeman, Mr. Stikeman, Miss Branstone, Miss Howard, Miss Thomson, Quebec, Dr. A. A. Browne, Mrs. Browne, Miss Labatt, Miss F. Ogilvie, Mr. M. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. H. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hooper, Mr. H. C. Scott, Miss Buchanan.

Miss Sparks, of Ottawa, is visiting Mrs. G. R. Hooper, St. Mark street.

Yesterday, the students of McGill College met for a general demonstration of patriotism, and, no doubt, the foundations of the college were shaken to the very depths by their expressions of enthusiasm: for, when occasion warrants it, McGill men can use their lung power to surprising advantage. Speeches, songs, and the now usual appeal to their credit's sake were indulged in. The idea seems to be a very happy one.

It is sincerely to be hoped that before Sir Henry Irving's engagement begins at the Academy, that in some way or other the buying up of tickets by speculators will be put down. It is hard luck that, when we so seldom have a chance of seeing anything really good in our theatres, it should be completely spoilt by this odious practice. The last time Irving came it was almost impossible to get seats, unless one paid an absurd price, though happily some speculators were left with tickets on their hands, as a little warning for future occasions.

Mrs. W. T. Benson, who has been spending the winter with Mrs. C. G. Hope, Drummond street, returned this week to her home in Cardinal, Ont.

Miss Bertha Cochrane, "Hillhurst," Compton, is visiting Mrs. Coulson, Metcalfe street.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, Sherbrooke street, entertained a number of Miss Mackenzie's friends at dinner.