

EDITORIAL

An idea was born a few weeks ago that a newspaper could be published by the Canadian patients and staff at the Ramsgate Hospitals. This modest little issue is that idea realized. The object of the enterprise is to afford recreation interest and ever increasing number of patients, personnel, Officers and sisters of this Canadian hospital centre. We are confident that this object will be attained. A large number, representing all phases of hospital life, have been interviewed and the reception and accord given to the newspaper proposal, has been extremely gratifying. We are glad of course that this is so, for the reason that the responsibility to a large extent, rests with us all to make the newspaper a continued success. It is proposed to issue the paper weekly, and in order that the news should cover all departments of hospital life, a staff of reporters is being organized to glean items of interest; we ask our readers to give a "news" representative every consideration.

One other matter, to issue any publication costs money. Each copy will cost you one half-penny, but this will not create a very large fund. We are glad to publish a few advertising announcements from local business houses, which advertisements are being paid for at specified rates. We urge, therefore, that our readers will deal with our advertisers when doing their shopping. Good things have small beginnings. As our facilities increase, so will we increase. We hope to make this paper always newsy, entertaining and illustrative.

Naturally the Granville Hospital has had the largest array of talent for entertaining in the past, but according to present indications, the Chatham House boys will compare favourably with them in this respect very soon.

Pte. Wray, one of our leading comedy artists, is now at Chatham House, and he is not idle with respect to entertainment features at the latter hospital.

Capt. Pequegnat is also interesting himself in bringing about an entertainment contest between the concert parties of the two hospitals, and a Challenge Cup is to be put up for this purpose.

The Chatham House stage and recreation room provides excellent facilities for good concerts. The room will seat about 400 comfortably.

It is requested that all those who can do anything even in a small way to promote the success of these entertainments will give in their names, those at the Chatham House to Pte. Wray, and those at the Granville at the Y. M. C. A. counter.

My Impressions of the Canadians

BY A RAMSGATE LADY.

I was very anxious to see the Canadians when I heard they were coming to our town, in order that I might compare them with our own Tommies. The comparison is quite favorable indeed, since they are, for the most part, fine looking men, yet representing many different types. There are the sturdy "Kilties", the characteristic French Canadian and the petite and well groomed officers. The men in blues are the most interesting and the uniform is a bit of a shock until one gets used to them, since the short man invariably wears the long man's trousers. I was also amused at the big red "hankies" that fluttered about during the period of coughs and sneezes. They are large enough for pinafores. Another point of interest is that one can always detect a Canadian rendezvous by the litter of pea-nut shells and the odour of Spearmint. I must admit that I felt very sorry for the "blues" being confined to a section of the promenade, sitting forlornly on cold benches. However, they amuse themselves with mild flirtations, and I, for one, do not mind being flirted with by them. In spite of bandages and crutches they have a smile for everyone and their greeting is usually "Hello Kid" whether one is nineteen or ninety. The most merry looking ones frequently wear their clothes inside out, perhaps to save laundry bills. It cannot be for punishment as that would be too undignified for saviours of the homeland. Perhaps when the summer days come and hearts begin to melt, our guests may be given freedom to wander about the sands, and the many pleasant parts of the town they have not yet seen. They will be always warmly welcomed by the residents and shopkeepers, the latter particularly having missed them of late.

The "Blue Band" is a good idea as it shows he has been "over there", and all the girls love the "wounded".

—(MRS.) I. LOVEM.

Royal Palace Theatre

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH

AND DURING WEEK

I'm Right

TWICE NIGHTLY

Questions that are Asked

Who is the man who wears the Boxer Rebellion Ribbon, and states that the date was 1898?

The name of policeman at the Granville who frequently "squares it" for one Bob?

If one of the sanitary policemen should not wash out his mouth with Chloride of lime?

If some of the Ramsgate girls are not somewhat too anxious to be provided with double berth transportation to Canada at the conclusion of the war. Will all their dreams come true?

If Sergt. Tully did not look better with his moustache?

Did he cut it off as a result of seeing his photograph reproduced in a recent issue of the press?

How old was the N.C.O. who is now 30 years of age, when he served in the South African war?

Why will a number nine not cure the large number of patients who claim to be "fed up"?

Who is the popular N.C.O. who provides a luscious bunch of flowers each week to a smiling sister.

Do the Canadian officers like the idea of our Sisters receiving favours from British officers.?

Are the former officers slow.?

New Sisters' quarters are being furnished in a large residence building on the front opposite the Granville, which will accommodate about thirty-five. When completed all the sisters now billeted and resident in the Granville will reside there. There are twenty-six Canadian sisters now in Ramgate.

Sergt. Shorthill, ward master 4th floor, was called to Shorncliffe on Wednesday last to give evidence in the court martial of Pte. Mansfield.

Pte. Mansfield left the Granville on January 4th without permission and was missing until Feb. 28th when he reported to the civil police. He belongs to the 27th Battalion and is being tried before the Colonel of the 11th reserve.

The management desires to thank the "Thanet Advertiser" for kindly loaning supplies to make this issue possible.