

## 230 BRITAIN'S CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS

room, with the result that there grew up in Wellington Street a room with a kitchen and bathroom attached, where the members of the Detachment could practise all the work required in a Hospital.

The Girl Guides volunteered to act as patients, and as well as classes in nursing instruction, those for the study of the Braille System for the blind were held, so that the V.A.D. members could help to teach blinded soldiers and sailors to read and write.

In September, members of the Detachment were put in charge of a tent at the Central Canada Exhibition, at which all kinds of First Aid and Home Nursing appliances were displayed.

### *Useful Work.*

From time to time the members have been able to collect fruit, jam, books, etc., for the 77th Battalion of Engineers in camp on Rock Cliff, and five cases of oranges were collected and presented to the 38th Battalion on its departure from Ottawa. The men were exceedingly grateful for this, as they had no drinking water on the train.

A smart bit of work was carried out by the Detachment early in October, when the 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles passed through Ottawa from Kingston. The V.A.D. members heard that the men would be unable to have a meal from the time they left Kingston very early in the morning