

"sitters," and last of all the severely wounded, on stretchers. I followed the first patient from the reception room, where his card was made out, complete in every detail, and his case indexed, to the bath, and then to the ward. In the bathroom the new arrival's kit is carefully rolled up, after his private and personal belongings have been placed in his own safe keeping; it is afterwards put through the disinfector. The patient himself dons hospital garb before entering his ward; but he will get his own kit back when he leaves, or something quite as good. The first care of the attendants, in whom I recognized many students of medicine, is to make the new arrivals comfortable for the night. After the jolting of the railway-train the first thing they need is rest, both for body and spirit; it will be time enough in the morning, in most cases, to do what may be needful in the way of surgery. And right skilfully do the surgeons carry out their part of the work! In fact it is the great reputation, not only of its Commanding Officer, but of the various departmental heads, and the number and high standing of their assistants, that has given this medical unit the reputation it enjoys in France. The operating theatre is as fully equipped and as ably officered as in any of our largest hospitals, while the X-ray department and the big magnet have proved themselves indispensable for enabling the surgeon to grapple with the difficult and often unique problems forwarded to him from the field of battle. Another interesting and important adjunct of the surgical department is the room in which is housed a large and varied collection of splints. Some of these clever and rapidly improvised inventions owe their existence to the ingenuity of the chief surgeon, who is well known also in civil life for his good work both in hospital and lecture-room, though it looked to me as though only in time of war could his resourcefulness be put fully to the test. From his colleague in charge of the medical wards I also received much enlightenment as to the general running of the hospital. He is an old campaigner, and nothing interested me more during my whole visit than the account he gave me of how the Canadians