

TO AND FRO.

SOME time ago the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel MacPherson, received instructions from the Ontario Government, through Colonel Pyne, to have placed on a named number of beds in the wards, suitably engraved tablets, indicating that the beds marked had been donated by certain organizations in Ontario. Colonel Pyne stated in his letter that, as sums of money had been received by the Government for this purpose, it was their desire to have this recognition made. The tablets are now all in place, and stand as testimonials to the good work being done by these organizations towards the relief and comfort of Ontario's sons, who are battling for the Empire. No. 1 Plate is inscribed "Donated by Pembroke House Y.W.C.A., Toronto, Ontario." No. 2 Plate reads "Donated by Veterans of Chap. 66. I.O.D.E., Toronto, Ontario." Then there are twenty plates bearing the words "Donated by Independent Order of Odd-fellows, Toronto"; and a plate inscribed thus: "Donated by the Canadian Free Library for the Blind." This last represents a sum of money collected by the Toronto Librarian of the Canadian Free Library for the Blind, from members of the Library throughout the province. This in particular is a real sacrifice, coming as it does from those so sadly afflicted. However, they have given willingly, happy in knowing that they are helping to relieve the sufferings of those who are fighting for them.

Another Chaplain has been taken on the strength of the unit in the person of Major Davidson, who came here from Shorncliffe to share the Church of England work with Capt. Buckland, who has been looking after the C. of E's in conjunction with Capt. Vipond. As the great majority of patients here are Anglicans, two Chaplains are required for them. So Major Davidson has been sent to fill the vacancy caused by Capt. Vipond's transfer to Buxton. The "Stretcher" extends a hearty welcome to Major Davidson, and wishes him every success in his work here.

A Board of Officers, consisting of Colonel Bridges, Captain Carson, Captain Davey and Captain Monks has been working at the Hospital during the latter part of the month in connection with the taking over of this institution by the War Department. Up to this time the Hospital was still directed by the Ontario Government. With the completion of the new dining hall, orderlies' quarters, and isolation building, everything is complete; and on the termination of the Board's work here, Ontario's magnificent gift to the Mother Country passes formally under the control of the Militia Department.

"As others see us" was well exemplified the other evening when we witnessed, for the first time, the "Movies" of scenes in and about the Hospital. They were taken a few weeks ago, at the instigation of the War Department and the Ontario Government; in the first instance, we understand, for historical purposes, and secondly to be sent to Canada that the people there may get some inkling of the work that is being done by the Canadian Medical Corps. Of course they will be of especial interest to our friends in Ontario, picturing as they do Ontario doctors and nurses at work in Ontario's Hospital overseas. We have the camera man's word

for it, that technically the pictures are a success; and in our inexperienced eyes at least, they are excellent, showing as they do every phase of the Hospital work, and the different members of the staff pursuing their various duties.

We sat and watched ourselves at work and at rest; in the wards and about the grounds; in the operating room and at the dinner table, and by the time the reel had been run through a goodly number of us had come to the conclusion that we had no desire to take up moving-picture acting as a profession. Yet we have not a doubt that Mary Pickford would gnash her teeth with envy, or that the fame of Maurice Costello or William Anderson would pale into oblivion should some of our Nursing Sisters or Medical Officers ever decide to forsake the Service for the Screen.

Every inch of the film was greatly enjoyed by us all, and a great deal of amusement was caused by various individual characteristics being so plainly evidenced. It is to be hoped, however, that the people of Ontario will not conclude that there is such a marked uneven distribution of labour among the staff as the camera would lead one to believe; for while some have been caught at almost every turn, there are others whose main feats are performed at the dinner table—victims of circumstance, no doubt, or, of what is much more human—good appetites.

We have seen ourselves "as others see us," and whether we were pleased with ourselves—be it through modesty or otherwise, we will not say—we will leave it to the people of Canada, and Ontario especially, to pass judgment. We know they will be delighted to see familiar faces, faces of those near and dear to them, even if only on the screen; and they cannot fail to be deeply interested in the well-constructed and equipped Hospital which has been erected, through their patriotism, on this side of the water.

The "Work-bug," which we have alluded to previously as being the sole property of Captain Fox, has been working overtime of late; as evidence of which we have had the Dance, enjoyed so much by us all. The germ of the idea, we understand, originated in Captain Fox's fertile brain, and, despite his other labours, with the very capable assistance of Nursing Sister McAdams and Captain Gooderham, he gave us a social evening which was voted a success by all.

The report that "Zepps were about" cheated us out of about the last hour of the dance, and forcibly recalled to our minds more serious thoughts. Yet, as the lights were hurriedly switched off, amid lamentations from the dancers, the couples quickly left the hall, to stroll homeward in the shadows; and here the thought struck us: "Ill blows the wind that profits nobody."

The "Stretcher" extends its heartiest congratulations to Captain H. S. Gooderham and Captain K. Lucas upon their appointment as Honorary Captains and Quartermasters. Though young in years, they are growing old in experience in the service, and are both very efficient and capable officers.

To our good friends in Orpington and various other places we are deeply indebted for their hospitality, and for providing so many delightful concerts and entertainments for the patients and staff. Life, no doubt, would become quite dreary were it not for these breaks in the monotony of the daily routine of hospital life. And there has not been a week that someone has not brought to us a party of talented artistes to furnish an evening's entertainment. It goes without saying that they are enjoyed and appreciated by all. Could the parties responsible be in the wards, and mingle with the patients, after one of these evenings, they would, we feel sure, feel amply repaid for their efforts. Jokes repeated, snatches of song whistled, imitations of the performers attempted, plus the general improvement in the spirits of all, indicate that the artistes have been successful in accomplishing their object of making the boys forget their troubles—for a time at least: of taking them out of themselves, as it were, and placing them in surroundings familiar and dear to them; of awakening in their minds pleasant memories and recollections of the past, and bright hopes for the future. This spirit is transmitted to their less fortunate brothers who are unable to leave their beds, and thus the whole atmosphere of the place is improved. The boys have been cheered in soul though sore in body.

Surely this is a form of benevolence, at once gratifying to those who are performing it; and we who are doing our best to heal the flesh can only say to those who are looking after the spirit of the troops that their work is being excellently done, and is greatly appreciated.

The "Stretcher" is evidently growing in popularity on both sides of the Atlantic. One of our Toronto contemporaries has the kindness to devote almost a quarter column to singing the praises of our paper and our institution. The latter, we hope, deserves all the good things said about it, and we are justly proud of Ontario's Hospital in England; we hope, moreover, that our friendly critics will not be offended if we rather object to being called "a curiosity." We are aware that our paper, like the human body, is "fearfully and wonderfully" made; but to describe it as "a curiosity" is going a bit strong, we think. However, we wish to thank them for their kindness in receiving us into the Realm of Journalism as a paper at all; and we hope our future endeavours will be an improvement, if possible, on the past.

Now that the "Stretcher" is fostered by a medical man, after being orphaned by the loss of its founder, Captain the Rev. F. Vipond, it is to be hoped that the scribes of the unit will not forget the characteristic laxness in collecting of the profession, and contribute generously any material suitable for publication. The object of the "Stretcher" is to chronicle, in a fashion at least, some of the more important events of our life in the Hospital; events which, though trivial to us now, may in years to come, should we recall them, be significant of much.

So far in its short life the "Stretcher" has been a success. We wish this success to continue, and this can only be made possible by the hearty support and co-operation of