

# The Clansman

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## DRILL HALL PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT---FIRST CONCERT

The Haslemere Drill Hall, where so many military concerts and entertainments have been held, has passed into the hands of the Government for all time. The builder and owner, Col. Sir Harry Waechter, Bart., of Ramsnet, Chiddingfold, has sent the transfer papers to the Secretary of State for War, making a free gift of the property which is valued at £5,500. A similar hall at Farncombe was presented at the same time, thus doubling the above amount. The two halls were erected in 1909, and have since been devoted to military uses. Up to the outbreak of the war they were used as headquarters and drill halls for cadet corps which the donor maintained at his personal expense.

The first entertainment to be held under the new ownership will be on next Wednesday evening when Sergt. Ballard-Brown and his irrepressible concert party will present a five-act revue which promises to excel anything of the season. New members have been added to the troupe, new songs written and the country has been searched from one end to the other for costumes. The entire company has been working enthusiastically on the new bill and, as a result, we are able to assure the fun-loving public, soldiers and civilians alike, that they will meet with a most pleasing surprise if they attend.

Admission will be 2/ for reserved seats, and 1/ for admission tickets. The concert is given under the patronage of H. R. H. Princess Patricia of Connaught and the proceeds will go to the Kitchener G. F. S. Hospital.

This is the first of a series of revues being planned by the concert party for the fall and winter months. With the approach of cold weather, the Happy Valley entertainments will be discontinued and Sergt. Ballard-Brown will then devote his whole time to promoting entertainments the proceeds from which will go to the various charities of the country.

## CONCERT IN AID OF CHURCH HILL RECREATION HUT

In spite of the inclement weather prevailing on Monday last, the Haslemere hall was full of people attending the concert in aid of the new recreation hut at the Church Hill Hospital and, judging from the remarks overheard at the close of the entertainment, all felt amply repaid for turning out under such unfavorable conditions. The program was perfect and it would be a difficult matter to specialise any item as heading the list. At the close of the performance Dr. Hutchinson spoke a few very appropriate words, thanking those who so kindly contributed to the success of the day and especially to Miss Mosley who was responsible for arranging such an excellent program and to Bds. Howard, whose untiring efforts certainly merited a vote of thanks from his fellow patients and from the Hospital staff. Closing his short speech Dr. Hutchinson drew attention to a stall at the back of the hall, which was the crowning feature of Bds. Howard's work and where nearly every household requisite could be obtained. At the end of an hour every article was sold.

Another interesting item was the exhibition of work and here again it would be hard to specialise on any piece for paintings, drawings, crivel work and knitting won the admiration of all, the only regret being that the kind admirers could not have cleared this stall also.

Lieut.-Col. Borden, former O. C. of the senior battalion of the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, now on sick leave from France, was in camp for a few days last week and spent a pleasing time in recalling the happy days of the organisation period of the old brigade.

Capt. Black, second in command of an old company now with us, also dropped in to renew acquaintances among his old time comrades and friends.