

at its disposal. It had indeed but one great, wonder-working asset—the goodwill of the people of Britain.

Now, in July 1916, the Society—in association with the Order of St. John—has expanded into the amazing organisation described by Mr. Granville Barker in the vivid account set forth in the present volume. The joint Societies can to-day number their ambulances in hundreds ; can boast of battalions of nurses and orderlies ; can despatch from their stores medical comforts to the value of many thousands of pounds a week, and have hospitals, hostels, rest stations, and convalescent homes in England and abroad that are almost beyond the counting.

Wherever the British soldier has gone the banner of the Red Cross has marched with him ; has followed him to France, to the Far East, to Gallipoli, to the Ægean Sea, to equatorial Africa, to the Persian Gulf. It has brought to thousands comfort and peace, and to every stricken man the dearest of all assurances—that he has the earnest sympathy and love of the men and women of his own country. What comes to the soldier from the War Office he regards as a right, but the help of the Red Cross, he knows, comes from the very heart of England.

Long ago, during the war in the West Indies, British soldiers were dying by hundreds of yellow fever. The general wrote home imploring assistance, for the men lacked proper food, medicines, medical comforts, common comforts, and even clothing. Nothing came. At last he sent back