

ruined French town, as near as possible to the Front, which will have chapel, recreation room and canteen, and which after the war will become the property of the Bishop of the Diocese, wherein located, and serve as a church in the reconstruction period.

7. The question of a hostel at Lourdes has been under consideration, but definite action has been held over.

8. Three portable huts are in course of construction.

RELIGIOUS SUPPLIES.

Over five thousand rosaries and four thousand scapular medals have been distributed, also a number of Sacred Heart badges. As the army supplies prayer books, French and English, the Association has not had to buy prayer books, however, the Association was instrumental in having the French prayer-book (Petit Paroissien) re-printed by the H.M. Stationery, and distributed four thousand of these. Several portable altars have been completed out of the Association funds. Other religious articles supplied to Chaplains include: Mass vestments, altar linen, altar breads and altar wine, candles, candlesticks, stations of the cross, thuribles, holy water vats, crucifixes and religious pictures. Travelling expenses of officiating clergymen have been paid in instances not covered by army regulations.

STATIONERY.

Up to the present 80,000 letter heads and 54,000 envelopes have been distributed free to soldiers. Now that an arrangement has been entered into with H. M. Stationery to obtain, upon repayment, any amount required, a much larger distribution of stationery will take place, 100,000 letter heads and 50,000 envelopes ordered for April and May.

READING MATTER AND PRINTING.

A library was forwarded to No. 2 Canadian General Hospital, £25 was assigned for an addition to the French library of the 10th Reserve Battalion and substantial increases were made to the French library of the 150th Battalion before it coalesced with the 10th (French Canadian) Reserve. Small numbers of books easily transportable have been forwarded to the various units. An arrangement has been made with the Catholic Truth Society to forward every fortnight a parcel of 80 pamphlets for free distribution to each Catholic Canadian Chaplain in France. The Association has paid the expenses of the printing of an official report on the work of the Catholic Chaplains. It has printed cards announcing Mass, cards to record the reception of the Sacraments, and a leaflet for hearing Confessions in Polish, prepared by Father P. Casgrain, C. M. G.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

By far the most important printing yet done by the association,