

NOTES OF A EUROPEAN TRIP.

THE editor wishes me to contribute some notes of my European trip last spring to this issue of the QUARTERLY. At the time of writing the fact is vividly before me that just one year ago I was being assiduously cared for in a private room of our General Hospital by my contreres and the nursing staff, and that for a few days my condition was considered to be a critical one, the result of a septic infection of a finger following an operation. It is therefore with an intense feeling of gratitude that now in perfectly restored health and strength I can look back on the eventful periods of the year that is past.

In April last, at the urgent request of a great personal friend and well known surgeon of Montreal, I made one of a party of four medical men on a trip which promised much of pleasure and profit from the professional point of view. We met in Boston, and sailed April 9th on the White Star SS. "Romanic," a magnificent vessel of nearly twelve thousand tons, crossing the South Atlantic for the Mediterranean, with Naples as our port of destination.

The passenger list totalled two hundred and twenty-five, made up of representatives from all parts of the United States and the Dominion of Canada, and in the steerage were a large number of Italians returning to their native sun.

The first two days were foggy and the sea rough, so that the dining saloon was but poorly patronized. But then we had a succession of bright, warm days with a light breeze, and the voyage was delightful in every way. We saw nothing but the broad expanse of the Atlantic, the circle so familiar to ocean voyagers, and then we came to the beautiful group of islands, nine in number, belonging to Portugal, known as the Azores. Our steamer came to anchor at 10 a.m. on the 16th at Ponta Delgada, the principal town of St. Michael, the largest island of the group. We were soon surrounded by large seaworthy boats manned by from five to six native oarsmen, and all the saloon passengers were quickly conveyed ashore. We spent a few hours strolling about the beautifully clean streets of the town, interested in the novel