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EDITORIAL

It is one of the characteristics of the Briton, whether native born or born and bred in one of the overseas Dominions, that he is naturally disinclined to trumpet his successes, or to claim the credit that many of his truly wonderful achievements deserve. This natural dislike to self-advertisement, like all virtues, may be overdone, and has its disadvantages. The great public of the world at large can only judge of what it sees, or what it hears. No doubt the great Epic of the British Medical Service will be written: great upheavals of the social life, not alone of a nation, but of the world itself, cannot but bring to the surface genius that has, and would have, laid dormant. Indeed, the signs are not wanting that already literary lights are dimly burning that give promise of a greater brilliance. Till then, we can only possess our souls in patience, and await the full story of the extraordinary adaptability of our race, that in a few weeks put into the field an organization unparalleled in the history of the world for efficiency and equipment; that impelled so many thousands of our profession to enlist as seriously threaten the social and industrial welfare of the nation, and that almost stripped our overseas Universities and cities of their doctors. But till then, the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, wives and sweethearts, have a right to know something of what is being done for their loved ones. It is a glorious story, full of the romance of life and death, of deeds as full of daring do as any in our history; of Chivalry and bravery that raise a lump in the throat, and that have won the recognition of well merited honors. It will be our privilege in our succeeding issues to give a brief review of the work of some of our hospital Units, not the least important of these being those devoted to the reclaiming, in our various Convalescent and Special hospitals, of those who but for such foresight, would have become a burden to themselves, and a charge to the nation, and in a surprisingly large number, a means of

returning to the front experienced and trained fighters.

TO OUR SISTER UNITS.

Sister Hospitals have, as far as we know, been placed on the mailing list; in the event of any inadvertant omissions, the committee of publication will be glad to rectify on their attention being drawn to it. We should appreciate the courtesy of an exchange.—ED.

The Hospitals

CHATHAM ANNEX

Quite a number of men are now employed in the various departments of the Handycrafts Section. The carpenters have been busy and are making quite a creditable job of the training gangway for teaching those with artificial limbs to use them with confidence—besides a lot of work in the hospitals themselves and the making of splints, etc.

The machine section, with its drills, planes, lathes and shapers, is quite busy, and under the direction a skilled machanic, has undertaken the complete repair of a motor ambulance, besides making the metal splints for the orthopædic section, food heaters, operating table fittings etc.

In the gymnasium section, 95 men are under the special movement section, and 28 in the Swedish drills.

TOWNLEY CASTLE

Under the energetic guidance of Capt. Hill, this new annex is rapidly assuming the appearance of a modern hospital. Not the least pleasing being the admirable choice of tints for the wards—Cove Reseda greens and pure whites—at once restful and cleanly.

The landscape gardeners are busy and it will not be long before the grounds of annexes will show the evidence of the loving care bestow upon them.

SISTER HOSPITALS

Congratulations are to be extended to Q.M.S. J. B. Mackay, Can. Convalescent Hospital, Monks Horton, on receiving his commission as Lieutenant and Quartermaster.

Major Irving, D.S.O., late O.C., C.A. M.C., Training School, has been placed in command, of the Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Epsom

Home News.

TORONTO—Ontario is likely to adopt war-time prohibition.

OTTAWA—Comprehensive plans for the beautification, development, and re-planning of the Canadian Capitol, were presented to Parliament to-day. The Finance Minister laid on the table of the House the report of the Federal Town Planning Commission, which was appointed in June of 1913, under the chairmanship of Sir Robert Holt, to draw up a plan for the beautification of Ottawa and Hull, the location and architectural character of the public buildings, park systems, traffic and transportation arrangement, etc. The commissioners after two years of careful and expert investigation, have made elaborate recommendations for a Federal district, and a Federal Capitol, rivaling in beauty, convenience, and impressiveness, what has been done at Washington, or at any other of the Capitol cities of the world. The commission strongly recommended that nothing of the elaborate nature suggested should be attempted without first establishing a Federal district and securing for the Federal authorities adequate control of local Government, as has been done at Washington. The proposed Federal district should extend from Chats Falls, at the head of Lake Deschenes, some thirty miles west of Ottawa, to about four miles east of the present city limits, and about ten miles north and south from Parliament Hill.

FREDERICTON—The total enlistments up to March include 8,000 single and 3,000 married men. It is estimated that there are 10,000 single men between 20 and 40 available for enlistment.

MEDICINE HAT—Edmund B. Smith, a Winnipeg farmer, is one of the latest recruits to join the 175th Regiment. He is 40 and the father of 13 children. His three grown-up sons are in the Canadian Army, one of them in the same unit as his father.

WINNIPEG—All bars have been placed out of bounds for the troops stationed in this district.

HALIFAX—Three thousand recruits have been enrolled in the Province in three weeks.