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STOCKTAKING.

NOW that we have accomplished four months' service in this Ontario Hospital, it may not be amiss to take stock not only of our work, but also of our motives. We have had under our care, as Officers and Nursing Sisters, nearly 3,000 brave heroes of the war. They have been, almost without exception, a superior type of men, earnest, kind, unselfish, and appreciative. We have tried to

merely to restore them to physical health, and to get them back to the firing-line. We are dealing in this time of crisis and opportunity with men who a year, or two years from now, will as citizens and as statesmen be shaping the destinies of the Empire and of the world. Have we realised the responsibility that rests upon us, as Canadians, as citizens of the Empire ourselves, as medical officers in whom our Imperial patients are reposing a confidence and trust intellectually and morally, as well as physically? Surely

the greatest pleasure is to be found not in the selfish indulgence of our passions and our desires, but in making others happier and better. If this be our aim, and if we strive, by the help of Providence, to attain it, then, assuredly, we shall have the true satisfaction of knowing that through all the cruel turmoil of this most cruel war—from the fiercest suffering of which we members of the staff of this comfortably equipped Ontario Military Hospital have been wonderfully free—we have been privileged to accomplish suc-



The Members of the Hospital Staff who some time ago attended an excursion to the works of the Park Davis Drug Co.

render them not only skilful assistance, but also brotherly sympathy and interest. We have known cases in which the Sisters have spent part of their own slender pay to provide their patients with delicacies that were not to be had in the Quartermaster's Department. Often the Sisters have written to the anxious relatives letters that invariably have brought comfort and consolation to those who are so eager to know the real truth about the dear ones in the Hospital. But we have a greater obligation to the sick and wounded than

we can do more for these men than merely restore their bodies to a fit condition for fighting. Surely we have time and occasion to impress upon them the purity and nobility of the Canadian ideal of life—that there is more in life than the striving after filthy lucre, after position in society or in state; that we are here not to get all that we can out of the world, but to add to the world's treasure-house other gems of beauty and of value, that will never get there unless we fulfil the Divine plan in our lives; that

successfully not only the technical part of the important duties assigned to us by the Government we represent, but also the equally important task of using our God-given talents for the training of Imperial citizens, who will, by reason of our sympathetic, uplifting influence, be all the better adapted for their noble and inspiring work in the days of peace that are to follow these bitter days of strife.

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