

Chaplain's Wounded Soldiers' Fund

By Capt. E. Bertram Hooper, (Chaplain)

Much space is not required for additions to my "Fund," but I gratefully acknowledge the following:—

Previously acknowledged	£38	3	0
A Friend, per Sister MacG., of the Massage Dept.	1	1	0
Sister T., of the Yarrow	3	0	0
Pte. S., of the Yarrow Staff	0	10	0
A Poor Woman, from Woodstock, N.B.	0	10	0

These donations have been received since the acknowledgments in the *Hospital News* of June 9th.

The char-a-banc drives and teas are keenly enjoyed by all who participate in them. The cost is £3 each. For some weeks I have been able to have three drives each week—one from the Granville, one from the Yarrow, and one from Chatham House and Townley Castle. I hope very earnestly that I may be able to continue these drives throughout the beautiful summer season. These joy-rides are of immense benefit as well as a pleasure to the patients.

By care I am making 50,000 cigarettes (Players) cover six weeks instead of four weeks as formerly. These cost some £27 10/-. It is easy to estimate the monthly expenditures which have been made for more than 12 months.

Besides smokes, drives and teas, there are many other smaller expenditures, all for the good of wounded Canadians. I am hoping for further gifts of money from Canada and elsewhere—all of which will be duly acknowledged, by the kind permission of the Editor in the *Hospital News*. I find that great interest is being taken, by the patients, in these weekly statements, and I am also certain that no one fund does more definite and practical good to a greater number than this "Wounded Soldiers' Fund," every shilling of which is expended with the greatest care.

"The Padre."

Note.—I crave the indulgence of the person who said that "Rams-gate is full of Soldiers, Sailors, and Canadians," for applying the term "Wounded Soldiers" to our wounded Canadian lads. This is intended for a joke.—E.B.H.