

Christmas dinner, after dinner a Smoking Concert. The Vicar of Minster has kindly given the use of the Schoolroom for the Dinner and Concert.

I only wish that we could have the whole of the patients of the Granville, Chatham House, Townley Castle and Yarrow, but alas, a bus only holds 24 and we can only afford three. Those who are the least able to be about will be first considered. I am afraid I must ask to be left to myself to make up our party according to my judgment. I know right well that those who don't go will give their best wishes to those who do go.

Your faithful friend and "Padre"

E. BERTRAM HOOPER, C.F.

Advice to the Young Soldier.

By the young soldier I do not mean the Granville bunch—they've been there. But I mean the soldier who has not been to the front, who has yet to go "over the top," and who has never had to sit tight, grit his teeth, take his medicine, and hold on in the Ypres Salient.

In trench or in battle, or long weary hike,
Or wounded you grit through the long endless night;
Or, foot all one blister, and wet to the skin,
You plod stumbling along, damn nearly all in,
When your nerve is all gone and you (down on your luck)
Growl, "the next shell that comes I'm damned if I duck;"
When big shrapnel bursting howls "humming birds" near;
When coal boxes' crash makes your stomach feel queer;
Whiz-bangs and torpedoes are giving you fits,
And sausages tear the whole trench into bits;
When the air is all sizzling with zip-zipping lead,
And most of your comrades are wounded or dead;
When you're half blown to hell and rocking with pain,
While Fritz counter-attacks again and again,
When you feel in your bones you are going stark mad,—
CHEER UP! there are others who feel just as bad.
Just show them that you can deliver the goods,—
And the first thing you know you are out of the woods.

JAMES HARVEY, Sergt.

Our Christmas Special.

The Christmas number is having a large and appreciative sale, not only in the Hospital, but also in Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate. Granville men have not been slow in recognising its appropriateness as a Christmas souvenir to send home from Ramsgate. Some fellows have sent away a dozen or more copies. The number is still on sale by the Scouts, at the Y.M.C.A. canteen, and Chatham House "tuck" shop; and the editorial staff is hopeful of being able to turn over a respectable sum from the proceeds to the Canadian Red Cross.