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moreover, it is continous, lasting for day and vveeks, and possibly months vvithout break; vvhereas in British Columbia it is broken by the nature of the country and, at its vvorst, is short-lived.

We find some consolation in the statement of Dr House the American missionary, vvho says this is as hot as it ever gets. Dr House has lived here for forty-four years, and therefore is an authority. A temperature of 103° is as high as he has ever experienced and that is reached very rarely. The Summer here is earlier than on the Pacitic Coast, for there vve do not have our hottest vvether until August.

An intensely aggravating influence on the vvether of this country is contributed by the sirocco, a vvind of vvhich vve already have had a taste. This blows across the burning deserts of Africa and is as hot as a blast from a baker's oven.

OUR PLANS

"Our Plans" could be made the subject of a large-sized book if vve vvere to take into consideration the multitude of "general opinions" handed on from man to man. But vve vvill content ourselves vvith regretfully negating all talk of an early departure from these shores. The fountain-head himself knovvs nothing about it and perforce vve vvill have to let it go at that. As yet there is absolutely no plan on foot to move us to France, England or anyvvhere else. The nursing sisters have moved bag and baggage into huts and the officers novv have a messing and recreation hut, but the best that can be done for the men in the vvay of a change is to give them a nev v kitchen. In our next number hovvever, vve expect to

have an interesting announcement to make regarding certain local improvements that vvill directly benefit the men.

OUR PAPER

Our first number has appeared, been vveighed and, of course, found vvanting. We have been shovvered vvith criticisms, many of them complimentary and some the reverse, but vve take them all as favorable, even the most harsh, because the mere fact that the critics consider the paper vvorth attention, indicates an interest in it, vvhich is the first thing necessary to success. Anyvvay, Lord Northcliffe, himself, might find room for improvement. But about the support of the paper. In getting it out vve vvent to more trouble than anyone not directly affected can have any conception. We, ourelves, had no idea of vvhat we vvere up against until vve tackled the job. We haven't space to go into details; suffice it to say, that calculated on a basis of vvork and vvorry involved, each copy of that first issue vv as vvorth a large silver dollar rather than a penny. In this second issue vve have made some mechanical improvements and vve hope our readers vvill find the matter more pleasing. Novv once again vve vvant to solicit the support of the members of the unit. Buy the paper if only as a souvenir, for vvith all its crudities, it decidedly is unique; send it home to all your friends, it vvill save a lot of vvriting; keep a file, it is better than a diary; and, lastly, send in any contributions and suggestions you can think of, the staff vvill give them all very careful consideration.

Altogether vve are pleased vvith the success of our efforts and vve deeply appreciate the congratatons