



MINERAL BATH HOUSE, MATSUYAMA.
For Russian sick and wounded.

association, because it is typical of all the others. The Ladies' Patriotic League, which was formed at the close of the late war, had for its aim caring especially for the soldiers and their families. It was the largest of the women's associations, having a membership of sixty thousand, including women of all ranks of society, from the Princess Kanin, the honorary president, and the Princess Iwakura, the directress, who naturally wield a wide national influence, down to women of the humblest class, who showed a no less genuine patriotism, though having less to give to their country. In Tokio, the question of the soldiers' families was uppermost, and the Ladies' Educational Society resolved to extend their society's aims, for the period of the war, to cover this need. Many foreign ladies joined the society. In all the girls' schools the pupils help in some way. In many schools they knitted socks for the sailors, and made caps for the soldiers. At the Presbyterian board school the pupils have undertaken to furnish ten thousand "comfort bags," containing such

things as towels, candy, tablets of chocolate, packages of court-plaster and little Testaments. The humblest denied themselves something. In the European part of the town, servant girls dispensed with the services of the hairdresser, and did up their own hair (a very much harder task than any European coiffure), and others went without fish with their rice every other day, a sacrifice which was pathetic in its earnestness.

Sir Frederick Treves, in a letter from Tokio to the British Medical Journal, on the official medical service, says: The field equipment of the army medical corps in Japan is excellent—light, simple, and inexpensive, and full of ingenious devices in every department. In time of war the Red Cross Society supplements the medical work of the service. This society is remarkable in its size, its many branches all over the country, its important work, and its very admirable organization. It is a society of voluntary workers. It has no direct official connection with the army medical corps, but the utmost