

The Chaplain's Corner

By the courtesy of the Editor, a small space has been assigned to me each week. I shall venture to call this space "THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER".

I shall use it for anything of interest to the men or for the general good of the Department of work in the hospital with which I have been entrusted.

This week my heart is set on improving our Sunday morning services. As I listen to your singing of songs and choruses, I am convinced that we have a goodly amount of real musical talent. Here there is an invitation to those ready to help me in making the services bright and in giving them a real "go".

1st—I want all men in the Granville who can sing, not necessarily the parts, i.e. tenor or bass, but men who can sing ordinary hymn tunes, to come up on Sunday next 5 minutes before 10 o'clock to form a choir. I shall need about 25 men for this and will have chairs provided on the stage for that number.

This is for the Granville

At the Chatham House Service we already have choir, formed from the patients, Sisters and two or three ladies from outside. Here we have Psalters and hymn-books with the music, so that we have alto, tenor and bass as well as Sopranos.

I need the help of a number of men voices both from the Granville and Chatham House for this choir. So I ask men who can read music and sing either tenor or bass to come to my assistance.

An ambulance is allowed me each Sunday to convoy me and my party of men and Sisters from the Granville to the Chatham House. Those who come do not have to be present at the Granville service. So let no one be afraid of having too much of a good thing. Men in the Granville who are willing to join the choir for the Chatham House Service will kindly let me have their names on Saturday or before the Granville service on Sunday morning, so that I can send in to the orderly room the names of those accompanying me to the Chatham House service.

Now but a word more—You will always find me ready to help you in any way that I can. Here is an opportunity for you to help me.

I need this help from you, and I expect to receive it, and that it will be given willingly.

My word to everybody is: "help your Padre in whatever way you can and whenever you can".

I have told you men before of two compliments I received. Hear them again. I was told that in a certain unit I was familiarly known to the men as "our good old Charlie (Chaplain), and in another place that I was regarded as "a man's man". Let me be to you your good old "Charlie" and at the same time a "man's man". This is more than enough for this week. Let me see results on Sunday next.

E. B. HOOPER, (Chaplain)