

COL. H. A. BRUCE'S REPORT.

The latest despatches tell us that a medical board, composed of General J. F. Fotheringham, Col. A. E. Ross, Col. E. C. Ashton, Lt.-Col. J. M. Elder and Sir William Baptie (chairman), will investigate and report upon the various matters raised by Col. H. A. Bruce. These names are well known to Canadians and their findings will carry weight and steady the public mind, which, we fear, had become a bit agitated about hospital matters in Britain and the treatment which the Canadians were receiving. It is stated that this board will hear the statements by Col. H. A. Bruce and General Carleton Jones.

We are informed by despatches to the press that the opinion of every Canadian in any hospital in Britain is to be obtained. Fifteen officers have been appointed for this purpose, and it is expected this will take one month. Each man will be asked whether he would prefer to be sent at once to a Canadian hospital or to an Imperial one. Other questions will be how long it is likely before he will be able to resume active duty, or if he should be sent to Canada for treatment?

Two very important matters were raised by Colonel Bruce's report. The first was segregation of the Canadians into Canadian hospitals for treatment. This was urged on the ground of greater economy and giving better satisfaction to the men themselves. The second matter of moment is that the control of the Red Cross Funds be placed under military authority. All the Red Cross hospitals should be under the military, as is the case of the Ontario hospital at Orpington. It is said that the Red Cross hospitals cost 48 cents per day, while the military hospitals cost 32 to 43 cents per day.

All these points will come before Sir William Baptie and his colleagues. Until this medical board reports we would advise all to wait with patience. If there are any defects in the system a satisfactory solution will no doubt be found. In the meantime General Jones and Colonel Bruce both remain on duty, and there is reason for hoping that ample work will be found for both. In the meantime we can state on good authority that the Canadians are well cared for when in the hospitals.

THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL.

There is a hospital near Salonica that merits mention. It is known as the Scottish Hospital. It is entirely managed by women. The surgeons, nurses, chauffeurs, cooks, carpenters, porters, orderlies, druggists, everyone are women. This hospital was organized by Scottish women and offered to the British Government, but the offer was declined.