



DR. M'GEE, WOUNDED OFFICERS AND NURSES.

are given much freedom. I have not seen them. But I saw here, through car windows, over five hundred men, of those gallantly rescued by Admiral Kamimura after the sinking of the "Rurik," and I have also seen over a hundred army prisoners. The former were fair, average-looking men, but the latter appeared unexpectedly coarse and ignorant. Hundreds of Japanese keenly eyed them, too, but there was not the slightest sign of hate or even reproach; only a rather expressionless look, or one of pity.

"The war with Russia brought out all the dormant energies and latent heroism in the hearts of the Japanese women," writes Edwin Emerson, Jr. Ladies of rank have forgotten the etiquette and conventionality that usually hedges them in and restricts their activity and "have taken the lead in all the leagues and associations that have sprung into being or developed a new activity at the first call to arms. They have sunk their rank or used it for the service of their country, as was most expedient. All religious differences were forgotten in the face of

the pressing need, and the Christians, Buddhists, and Shintoists all join hands in the common cause of helpfulness."

The Empress set the example, and, when war was declared, sent all her jewels and treasures to the Bank of Japan to increase the reserve fund. She also directed the officers of her suite to join their regiments, realizing that they would wish to be with their brothers in arms at this crisis. Many of the princesses were in the Ladies' Nursing Association, a self-supporting auxiliary of the Red Cross Society, founded in Japan by the late Imperial Princess Komatsu. The duties these society women took upon themselves are by no means light. The work to be done was all mapped out in a business-like way. The women divided into squads, and volunteered for the branch most congenial to them; beyond that there was no option, and the princesses worked as long and as hard as any of the others. Each lady was due at the bandage-room two days a week.

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