

ABOUT THE SOLDIERS.

CHICKAMAUGA, Ga.

The correspondent of Town Topics says: The prejudice existing in military circles in general, and in the mind of General Sternberg in particular, against trained women nurses for the sick and wounded soldiers, will have to be done away with. If anything under the sun is needed immediately at Chickamauga, it is twenty-five trained nurses at Leiter hospital. Dr. E. C. Carter, the surgeon in charge, says he much prefers women nurses. They do not fret, irritate, or bulldoze the patient; do not smoke, drink or go to sleep while on duty—are more reliable in every way.

At present there are one hundred and eighty patients in Leiter hospital, one hundred and forty-six of whom are down with typhoid fever, and there are only six trained nurses! Can you imagine what that means, with temperatures at one hundred and four and one hundred and five degrees? With cooling baths needed to prevent the burning-out of the life spark? With the necessity that nourishment be given at regular intervals to build up what is left of vitality when the fever has abated?

To be sure, there are ten men to assist these nurses, medical students mostly, who do the lifting and care for the patients who are raving in delirium.

Some one told me there were at Leiter hospital forty-five nurses to give them the proper attention. One poor woman came to me, whose son had died there, and begged me to say something about it with my pen. Another told me the "boys" died there from home sickness added to disease; others said soldiers died on the way there from jolting over the roads from division hospitals. Finally I took a carriage and went out there myself to investigate—it was too serious a subject to handle carelessly. To begin with, Mrs. Leiter, when she bought an abandoned summer hotel to present to our soldiers as a hospital failed to ask why it had been condemned as a pleasure resort. If she should ask now she would find the condemnation was due to the fact of its being a death-trap for malaria. Dr. E. C. Carter, who is now in charge of the hospital, with his assistants started to find causes, and the deadliest one has been unearthed; it was found that the sewerage of the house consisted of one pipe eight hundred feet in length, with two hundred feet of it blocked entirely. This pipe starting directly under the house, had no ventilation whatever except through the door into the different parts of the house. Dr. Carter and his forces knocked out glass which furnished light into this room, and covered the apertures with wire netting; they dug up floors and pipes to get at safely concealed cesspools; they have opened up a circulation of air, and in various ways have turned this deadly poison away from the air which the patients must breathe. In addition to the one hundred and forty-six soldiers who are down with the fever, is one of the women nurses and one of the surgeons. This nurse who succumbed to the fever was, Dr. Carter said, invaluable, and she was worn out with the demand made upon her. All of the nurses are worn out, but go from one patient to another with no thought of their own failing strength. One patient, to keep him alive, had received five cooling baths. Some of the patients were convalescing, but the majority of the fever cases were perilously ill. Thirty-five of the one hundred and forty-six had come in the day before, and the increase of the forty-five to the one hundred and forty-six had been within a few days.

dred and forty-six had been within a few days.

It is so difficult to get workmen in this easy-going southern climate that Dr. Carter is obliged to take the medical corps, who act as nurses and assistants, away from the sick beds for manual labor that must be done to get the hospital into condition to receive the fast coming patients. He has telegraphed for nurses and women nurses. He hopes his necessities will be realized, and that red-tape will be dispensed with and a corps of nurses reach him at once.

As we were passing from one ward to another a young man with tears in his eyes came to Dr. Carter to see about shipping the body of his brother back to Mississippi. The nurse had just told him that his brother could not live till morning. Thirty-five days he had been struggling with the fever, and had not the strength to rally. In his delirium he has talked of the drilling, the hot sun, and the shade on the lawn at home. The brother has been here for two weeks, hoping against hope. Some of the time the sick brother has known him, but most of the time it has been the quiet, sad delirium.

I went from cot to cot. Some of the sick ones could talk to me, but nearly all were too ill. Two mothers were there, who had come to take care of their sons, and the nurses and doctors were as glad to see them as were their sick boys.

One soldier, who was by himself, in one room were there was another cot empty, seemed so far away from the rest that I asked him if he was lonely. He said feebly:

"Yes, it is lonely, but I prefer it. The man in the other cot died this morning—he made me nervous."

The ball room, the billiard room, the office, the dining room, the parlors of this former summer hotel was filled with cots, and each cot had its occupant. Mosquito netting canopied each cot, and each soldier had a fan—he could fan if he had the strength, or if not, perhaps the soldier on the next cot was a little stronger and could fan the two of them. The linen of the bed and the night shirts were all new and clean, and the floors are being covered with rubber matting to deaden noise.

In time everything will come out all right; in the meantime there are some big blunders here as well as at Tampa to contend with.

It is perfectly evident that the heads of the three most important departments in Washington—the medical, the ordnance and the quartermaster—have no idea of the magnitude of this army. A tour of inspection for General Sternberg, General Flagler and General Ludington would result, I am sure, in immediate action, with red tape issuing afterward.

In this one instance, if these men at Leiter hospital were lying there the victims of an enemy's bullet, it would seem a necessary part of warfare; to have them lie there the victims of climatic disease and die for want of care because of silly prejudices against women nurses, is criminal. Every modern physician prefers women nurses. Our training schools have given to us these women who are essential to their part of the work, as are the doctor, surgeon and physician to his. To receive a diploma as nurse, is to receive a credential of capability, reliability and trustworthiness in every way.

The mothers of the country have given their sons to this war. Let General Sternberg kindly give to these general hospitals at least women nurses.

No bitterer tears have been shed

Sale of Summer Goods

Being compelled to make room for our large stock of

Fall Goods

which are arriving we are making very low prices on our summer fabrics. The quotations on the following will speak for itself.

□ All of our 35c and 40c Organdies, 32-inch widths, will be closed out at less than one-half price. Our price during this sale 17c.

All of our 15c and 18c Organdies and Dimities, same widths, go in this sale at 7½c. An elegant line of fine lawns will be included in this clearing sale. They will go at 9c.

□ TO CLOSE OUT our entire line of Shirt Waists at 50c. All of our \$1.25 and \$1.50 Waists at 75c and 89c. Nothing reserved, all choice patterns.

PARASOLS will be closed out at a 25 per cent discount. A popular line at very moderate prices, ranging from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

W. H. Lacey & Son,  
1217 O Street.

DR. C. A. SHOEMAKER.

Private Hospital, Cor. Eleventh and K Sts.,  
Lincoln, Nebr.

Graduate Nurse in attendance.  
Special attention given to all DISEASES OF WOMEN.  
Every Convenience for Pelvic and Abdominal Surgery.

Electric, Massage Baths and Swedish Movements for ladies only in their most recent developments by the trained manipulator in charge.

Half Price Sale of Wash Dress Goods

10c Goods for 5c.  
12½c Goods for 6¼c.  
15c Goods for 7½c.  
We are selling about 8,000 yards of Printed Wash Dress Goods at exactly half price. The sale includes all the fine Wash Goods in our house worth 15c a yard and less and includes Lawns, Organdies, Batistes, Dimities, Lappets, etc.  
It's your chance for bargains.

MILLER & PAINE

C. M. SEITZ  
GOOD LUCK GROCERY  
TELEPHONE 626, 1107 O STREET.