

## WELFARE OF THE WOUNDED

How France Cares For Her Crippled Soldiers.

### A FEDERATION FORMED

TO LOOK AFTER THOSE RENDERED INCAPABLE.

The Industrial Schools—A Movement On Foot To Enable Wounded Peasants to Return to the Land.

Winnifred Stephens in London Chronicle.

France and her heroic defence of "la patrie" against the invader is a never-fading source of admiration to her Allies. But let us not lose sight of another of her achievements hardly less worthy of our admiration and emulation—her efficient organization of "la patrie" behind the defensive lines.

There are those over here who tell us that French industries are all at a standstill. To prove the fallacy of such a statement one might marshal a whole army of facts; but none is more convincing than that which has been transcribed in the Department of Agriculture. It is perfectly marvellous that, in a year when the mass of her manhood was serving in the trenches, France should have sewn, tended, reaped and garnered her crops just as if there were no war at all. This amazing feat has, we know, been largely performed by French women. We know, too, that this employment of her woman is merely a feature of that thrift which has ever displayed itself alike in French family life and in the bigger affairs of the nation.

Of a piece with this same frugality is the use to which France is turning her crippled soldiers. Far from leaving them to collapse into mere invalidism and to live idly on their pensions, both the State and voluntary associations are making strenuous efforts to equip as efficient members of the community those whom the war has maimed and mutilated. Thus from the wards of her military hospitals our Ally is recruiting the ranks of that industrial army so sadly de-

pleted since the mobilization of August, 1914.

#### New Avenues of Activity.

Up and down the country schools for professional re-education, as they are called, are being established. And in this noble work the wounded themselves heartily collaborate. Eagerly flocking to these institutions are crippled warriors of all ages—from the boy of fifteen, who somehow contrived to get sent to the front, to men advanced in middle-age who are fathers of families. And the heroism of these noble sufferers in thus taking up life afresh humbles the intact civilian to the dust. He feels himself the viler worm as he sees these crippled "pollus," nothing daunted by loss of limb, cheerfully rising above their infirmities, learning to write with the left hand or moving with wonderful agility on a loggia trunk, adapting themselves with well-nigh superhuman courage to new and painful conditions, learning, with the eagerness of a child who is being taught a new game, some handicraft or other occupation suited to their crippled state.

In this department of war activity as in so many others, it has been found necessary to supplement the Government's efforts by voluntary endeavor. For this purpose was founded last April a society known as "La Federation Nationale d'Assistance aux Mutiles des Armees de Terre et de Mer." Its headquarters are at 63, Avenue des Champs Elysees. Its president is M. Maurice Barres, that eminent academician and distinguished novelist whose delightful articles on the British troops at the front have appeared in their columns. Throughout the war both in public and, in private, M. Barres has laboured unceasingly to promote the welfare of the French soldier and of his family. Already his eloquent appeals in the daily press on behalf of the Federation's fund have brought in subscriptions amounting to close on £8,000.

The Federation's object is threefold: it provides with surgical instruments those of the wounded who have failed to obtain them from the State; it educates in some form of remunerative and useful activity, adapted to their disablement, those whom the war has rendered incapable of returning to their former work; and, when their training is complete, it undertakes to find them employment.

The choice of occupation offered to the wounded soldier is by no means as limited as one might imagine. He may become a metal-worker, a glass-blower, a toy-maker, a tinsmith, a harness-maker, a carpet weaver, a shoemaker, a clerk or a tailor. He may, at the Federation's expense, attend classes organized by other societies, such as those of the Central Union of Decorative Arts, for instruction in toy-making, he may enter as a day pupil the Federation's own workshops in La Rue des Epinettes, or, if he have no family ties, he may be received as boarder into the Federation's Industrial Home on the Quai de la Rapée, not far from the Place de la Bastille.

Introduced by M. Maurice Barres, I was permitted to visit both these

industrial schools. On the Quai de la Rapée, premises formerly used as printing works have been ingeniously converted into a comfortable dwelling-house, with a number of neat single-bed rooms, a few double-bedded rooms for brothers or friends, a spacious dining-room a charming recreation hall, well provided with books, papers, and a piano, as well as extensive workshops and class rooms.

#### The Industrial Schools

Opened at the end of July, the institution is in thorough working order. When I visited it at 11 o'clock in the morning the classes were all in full swing. In one room thirty pupils, every one of whom had sacrificed his right arm in his country's service, were learning bookkeeping, with the object of competing for the Government's prizes. In another the hand Revenue Department or of occupying posts in private business houses. In the workshops, tailoring and shoemaking were being taught. One had only to glance at the faces of these eager learners to agree with their instructors, who promise them to be the most interesting and encouraging of scholars, learning with astonishing rapidity. Those who are concerned with maintaining discipline in the house give the same report. In this matter there is no difficulty whatever, though—or, perhaps, because—considerable freedom is allowed. Teachers and taught live together a family life, presided over by the father and mother of the establishment, the admirable M. and Mme. Duhamel, who have forsaken their own comfortable home in the St. Germain quarter to devote themselves to this work. In their patriotic task they are assisted by a committee, the vice-presidents of which are two veterans of the war of 1870, General Viellard and General F. Goetschy, and by a special ladies' committee, presided over by Mme. Geoffroy, the wife of the French Ambassador at Madrid.

The Federation's workshops in the Rue des Epinettes, resounding with the noise of hammers and aglow with furnace fires, present a striking con-

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trans: to the calm serenity of the Quai de la Rapée Institution. For the day-school, as we may call it, is run in conjunction with a mechanics' apprenticeship institute, which existed before the war. On the ground floor a number of apprentices below military age are being trained as mechanics. Here there were only two or three crippled soldiers; for, as the kind and genial president of the institution, M. Kula, told me, there are few of the wounded who can stand such hard work. Much better adapted to their maimed condition is the shoe-making, tailoring, and tinsmith work which is being taught upstairs. Here some eighty soldiers were at work. In the fashioning of all manner of tin goods, from kitchen utensils to elegant castles, ex-military, unsons and farm laborers are developing that deftness of touch and that artistic taste for which their race is famous. The tinsmiths are allowed to keep or to sell the things they make. Many of them are young men engaged to be married, and the results of their handiwork at Les Epinettes are destined to furnish forth their own kitchens. Tailors and shoemakers work for order received by the institution. Their wages are the liberal one of 5f. 70c. per day, 2f. of which is paid by the Government. The instructors are all provided and paid by the various trade syndicates.

#### Back to the Land.

Those who have read M. Barres's famous novel, "The Upraised" (Les Deracinés) and who know the views held by the Federation's president on the salutary influence of rural environment, will not be surprised that the peasants in these Paris workshops are encouraged, when their training is complete, to return to their native villages. But that is not enough for M. Barres. At a time when France is in such sore need of tillers of the soil the conversion of so many agriculturists into artisans has filled him with uneasiness. Consequently a movement has been started with the object of enabling wounded French peasants to return to their work on the land, and surgical instruments are being devised to aid them in their difficult task. Will the experiment succeed?

M. Kula, who has studied closely the psychology, the abilities and disabilities of the crippled soldiers, is doubtful. M. Barres himself is not very sanguine. It is a hopeful sign, however, that one of the great agricultural syndicates of France has thrown itself heart and soul into this back-to-the-land movement, and has placed its agricultural college at Limonest, near Lyons, at the Federation's disposal. Here some thirty wounded are receiving instruction.

Throughout these schools and workshops there reigns that same spirit of energy and of hopefulness which away at the front inspires every onslaught against the enemy. Here, as well as in the trenches, a new France is being created. Are there any who still believe in the German-made myth of French decadence? Let them go to the Quai de la Rapée, or to la Rue des Epinettes, let them watch the crippled soldiers carving out for themselves new careers; and even such pessimists will be convinced that France is that and of eternal reawakenings.

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