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HÔPITAL TEMPORAIRE, ARC EN BARROIS.

FUNDS ARE NOW URGENTLY NEEDED.

This Hospital, the staff of which is entirely British, serves the Third French Army, which has so vigorously withstood the Crown Prince's onset in the Argonne. A large proportion of the cases received in it are very serious and the French Government is more than satisfied with the results obtained.

The Hospital has up to the present paid its way owing to the generosity of a limited number of friends. The expenses have risen considerably of late, as the increased number of severe cases necessitate a much larger expenditure on surgical and medical stores—the price of these has gone up, as has that of food and of all other necessities.

Moreover, the Hospital has recently taken over for serious cases the 70 beds of an Auxiliary Hospital in the village. This was opened in February for convalescents and was until October separately maintained.

The present income of the Hospital is totally inadequate to meet these growing demands. It is not a case of financing an experiment—the work begun in January has steadily increased in efficiency, and, what is more, a real bond of friendship now exists between the English workers and the French inhabitants, not only of the Hospital, but of the whole countryside. 1915.

MR. LAURENCE BINYON, who acted as Orderly at the Hospital, writes as follows :—

"Having had the privilege of serving for a short time in the Hospital, I can testify to the value of its work, generously appreciated by the French authorities and also to the exceedingly sympathetic relations between the patients and the English staff.

These soldiers are drawn from every part of France. Few of them knew anything of the English before. They thought of us probably with the mistrust of tradition. Now an abstract prejudice gives place to a warm human experience. Over and above, then, the actual work of the Hospital, there is this filtration into how many homes scattered over broad France of a changed fraternal sentiment of good will: something fluid and imponderable, but worth more surely, than many official protestations. How much may this not count for in the future!

Those who love France, who feel the debt all Europe owes to her, who understand how precious a gain among all the miseries of loss is the experience of human sympathy and friendship between the two great nations will not willingly, I am sure, let this work come to an end for lack of support."

Five pounds a month will maintain one of the 180 beds. This is the most helpful form of donation, but any contribution will be gratefully received by the Hon Treasurer.

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A copy of the Auditor's balance sheet, showing the receipts and expenditure for the first half-year, will be sent on application.

*The Hospital is now full of wounded from Verdun &
Funds are more urgently needed than ever.*

WWI English hospitals for
French Wounded

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