The other sketches are also of absorbing interest, and we feel sure that this record of our nurses' work, of which too little has been heard, will make a great appeal to all who served during the late war.


This is a book with an atmosphere, namely, that of the wards of our great base hospitals in the late war; not the atmosphere familiar to the professional workers in those wards, but the atmosphere which existed when their work was done, when the stricken were able to lay bare their inmost thoughts, feelings, hopes and desires to kindly and sympathetic women anxious to play the part which the purely professional worker had neither the time nor opportunity to fulfil. Such a kindly and sympathetic woman was the author of this book, who for four and a half years acted as an officially accredited hospital letter-writer; writing letters for those unable to do so, ferreting out unrecorded names and addresses, smoothing personal and family difficulties for those unable to write, receiving confidences and comforting, by timely and appropriate messages, the anxieties and griefs of relatives far away. The book is charmingly written, free from egoism, but full of pathetic and humorous stories of intimate experiences with that strange but really lovable creature the British soldier. Few books on the war can appeal more to the thoughtful than this little volume. It brings home to one the tragedy and the pathos of war, and it focuses attention fittingly on a little considered rôle which some good women played in the great struggle of 1914-18. Among these good women was Lady Bradford and we congratulate her on this story of her experiences.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MILITARY MEDICINE AND PHARMACY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS."

SIR,—With reference to the notes on the above subject in the June number of the Journal, information has now been received that the Second Congress will be held at Rome from May 28 to June 2, 1923.

The official journal of the Congress is Giornale di Medicina Militare, Palazzo del Ministero della Guerra, Via Venti Settembre, Roma, to which reference may be made for particulars regarding the Congress.

The subscription for medical officers attending the Congress has been fixed at 25 francs, and for members of their family 15 francs.

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