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Africa. Rabbi F. L. Cohen was the Senior Chaplain to the forces in the Australian Commonwealth, and Rabbi Dr. H. Abramowitz occupied the same position in Canada.

In England, the Rev. S. Lipson became Senior Chaplain, and the Rev. N. Goldston was appointed Chaplain to the troops in the Southern Command, whilst the Rev. V. G. Simmons, on returning from France, took charge of the Aldershot area. A number of officiating clergymen were appointed on the recommendation of the Jewish War Services Committee, and carried on their religious ministrations to the troops in the United Kingdom. The following gentlemen acted as Officiating Clergymen: Rev. Dr. J. Abelson, the late Rev. M. Abrahams, Rev. A. Cohen, Rev. B. I. Cohen, Rev. S. Frampton, Rev. L. Geffen, Rev. H. Goodman, Rev. A. A. Green, Rev. A. Gudansky, Rev. H. Jerevitch, Rev. W. Levin, Rev. E. M. Levy, Mr. D. L. Lipson, Rev. B. Paletz, Rev. E. P. Phillips, Rev. J. Phillips, Rev. H. Shandel, the late Rev. D. Wasserzug, and Rev. L. Wolfe. (See photograph of a number of Officiating Clergymen, Plate 201.)

In connexion with this work, mention should be made of the literature published under the editorship of the Chief Rabbi, which was freely distributed to the troops both at home and abroad. The following books were included in these publications, in addition to the Soldiers' Prayer Book:—

A Book of Jewish Thoughts, of which about 60,000 were distributed, including a special issue for the United States Jewish Welfare Board.

The Jewish Version of the Book of Psalms, from the American translation of the Bible.

A History of the Jews. By Paul Goodman.

Prayers for Trench and Base. By Captain B. L. Q. Henriques of the Tank Corps. In addition, the Rev. Prof. Dr. H. Gollancz circulated his version of *The Foundation of Religious Fear*, of which many thousands were issued.

The Rev. Michael Adler was awarded the D.S.O., and twice mentioned in Despatches, whilst the Revs. A. Barnett, M. Gollop and

S. Grajewsky were mentioned in Despatches, and the Rev. S. Lipson mentioned in Home Despatches.

HOSPITAL WORK. In addition to a large number of Jewish doctors and nurses serving with the Forces, special attention was devoted by Jews in this country to the establishment of Hospitals.

THE BEECH HOUSE MILITARY HOSPITAL. This was organised by the officers and members of the West Hampstead Division of the British Red Cross Society at The Avenue, Brondesbury, London, N.W., immediately after war was declared, and about 1,560 cases were treated until May, 1919, when the hospital was closed.

Beech House was mainly staffed by voluntary Jewish workers, who for two years conducted the work of the Hospital without the aid of any Government grant.

Dr. M. A. Dutch acted as Commandant, Mrs. Edith Marsden, R.R.C., was the matron, and the organisation and secretarial work were under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, M.B.E. The Matron, the sister-in-charge—Miss McDermott—and one V.A.D.—Mrs. Edith Abrahams—received the R.R.C., Mrs. Davidson was awarded the M.B.E., and seven members of the staff were "mentioned" for devotion to duty. Portraits of a number of the workers appear on Plate 68.

THE MOTE AUXILIARY MILITARY HOSPITAL, MAIDSTONE. This Hospital was presented to the War Office by Sir Marcus Samuel, Bart., and Lady Samuel acted as Commandant. It was opened in September 1914, and continued its activities till December 1918, during which period 445 seriously wounded non-commissioned officers were admitted. Sir Marcus and Lady Samuel bore the whole expense of maintenance and equipment, including an operating theatre, recreation room, motor ambulance, etc., and received the cordial thanks of the War Office, Lady Samuel being mentioned in Home Despatches for her excellent work. A short time before the war, Sir Marcus presented an operating theatre and Röntgen Rays Installation to the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, where considerable numbers of wounded were tended.

In Lancashire, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beer* established, at their own expense, the Bradstones Auxiliary Hospital at West Derby, over 600 patients passing through the institution, whilst Mr. John Howard presented for a similar purpose a Convalescent Home he had erected near Brighton. The "David L. Jacobs" Holiday Home at Broadstairs was also used as a Hospital throughout the whole period of the war.

TUDOR HOUSE MILITARY HOSPITAL. The only hospital which was intended exclusively for the use of Jewish soldiers was that established at Tudor House, Hampstead Heath, by Mrs. Bischoffsheim. It was opened in October, 1918, and received a large number of patients until the middle of 1919. Miss Janie Joseph, B.R.C.S., V.A.D., London 76, was appointed Commandant and was decorated with the order of the M.B.E. in recognition of her valuable services. Dr. A. Gaster, M.D., and Dr. L. Lowenthal were the medical officers, and almost the whole of the nursing staff was constituted by Jewish ladies. The Hospital was visited by Her Majesty the Queen, who warmly commended the work carried on at the institution. (See illustrations, Plates 71 and 72.)

Large numbers of Jews were engaged in Red Cross work, and rose to prominent positions in this organisation. Major Arthur C. Abrahams, C.B.E., was an Administrator of the British Red Cross Society throughout the War at its Headquarters at Boulogne.

JEWISH WAR SERVICES COMMITTEE. During the first year of the war the administrative work in Great Britain on behalf of Jewish soldiers was carried on by the Chaplains and the Visitation Committee of the United Synagogue. But many questions having arisen concerning specifically Jewish needs a new Committee was formed at the end of 1915 at the request of the War Office. This was called the Central Jewish Recruiting Committee, and its headquarters were at the offices of Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, New Court, London.

The growth in the number of recruits and the general development

* Mrs. Beer was awarded the O.B.E. for her services.