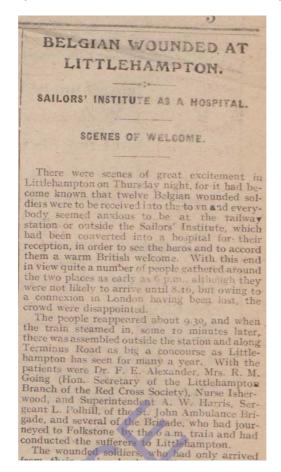


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The wounded soldiers, who had only arrived from their native land on Wednesday, some having taken part in the Antwerp operations, were most enthusiastically cheered, and so keen was the desire to catch a glimpse of each visitor that the police had the hardest task to clear a way for the passage of the motor cars, which were waiting to convey them to the Sailors' Institute. The Rev. Father Neave, the local doctors and several ladies of the Red Cross Society received the Belgians, Father Neave acting as an interpreter, and they were soon in bed, no doubt glad to get there, although they were all cheerful, and some, indeed, quite lively. A few of the cases were by no means slight, one man having had his arm am put task and others sustained various injuries to their limbs. Another had a badly bruised face, the result of a horse-kick, whilst the worst sufforer of all had received a wound in his head, which had not only caused the loss of one eye, but was said to be also threatening the other. This man suffered great pain. They were accommodated in the recreation suffered great pain. They were accommodated in the recreation

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They were accommodated in the recreation They were accommodated in the recreation room of the Institute, which makes a very bright and comfortable hospital ward. In the carry-ing out of the alterations, Mrs. Rawson-Shaw, Mrs. Going and Miss Hills, the chief officers of the local branch of the Red Cross Society, took an active part, and they derived great assistance from Mr. G. R. Hood, Secretary for the South of England of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, whose institutes and bethels have been placed at the disposal of the Admiralty and the War Office, and from Mrs. Hood. The doctors of the town have generously

The doctors of the town have generously volunteered to give free professional treatment, and for their use as a surgery and operating theatre, a room on the first floor has been in-cluded in the hospital part of the building. Nurse Trapp is acting as Matron,