

## MRS. CYRIL MAUDE

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### CHATS ABOUT THE WAR WORK DEPOT

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#### VISITORS AS VOLUNTEERS

“We are in much want of workers and also of old linen of all sorts,” said Mrs Cyril Maude to a representative of the “Bexhill Chronicle” during a short interview on Thursday at 8, Bolebrook Road. Mrs Maude ——— Miss Winifred Emery, of the London and American stage ——— was, when she made the remark, sitting in her office at the address given, from which she directs the work now being carried out locally in connection with the surgical branch of Queen Mary’s Needlework Guild, the head office of which is at 2, Cavendish Square, London. With Mrs Maude in the office was Miss Birkett busily engaged in secretarial work. “8, Bolebrooke Road” is distinguished from the rest of the houses by the signal of benevolence — the Red Cross banner which flies from outside. Under Admiral Davis, C.M.G., it had been since the war broke out a Hospital Supply Depot, now its work is centred on Queen Mary’s needlework. It is divided into rooms devoted to the following useful appliances: bandages, swabs, padded splints, linen and needlework flannel. There is another room devoted to carpentering, in which splints are made, and here the services of “mere men” are welcomed. Of course, the other rooms are occupied by ladies, industriously engaged for several hours a day.

Since October 1915, 11,000 different articles of all sorts, suitable for Red Cross work, have been sent to the Central Depot. The work is all done by voluntary lady workers (each of whom contribute 1s towards the expenses of the depot), and they have worked in the past very hard. Appeals for materials and donations with which to purchase the materials, have from time to time been made and well responded to. “We want more workers very badly,” added Miss Birkett, “at the present time. We are relying on visitors at present, because very many of our residents are away. Our visitors have been very helpful indeed, but they keep leaving us and we shall, at the end of the season, have to look to residents for a greater amount of assistance.” Whenever possible the materials for the garments have been purchased locally, and only those which cannot be purchased in Bexhill are obtained from headquarters. Of course every article has to be made up to the standard required, both as to the material used and the needle and other work done.

Mrs Cyril Maude hopes to be able during September to arrange a very good entertainment with the aid of personal friends from London, with the view of raising funds for the local branch of the Guild. Mrs Maude is going to remain in Bexhill during the autumn and will devote her efforts to carrying on the work even more successfully than has hitherto been the case. It is hoped that the people of Bexhill will aid the work which is being done for the relief of the brave men, injured and invalided, in the war in every way they can. The ladies who can help will, it is trusted, come forward in increasing numbers; those who can make gifts, especially of old linen, should do so without delay.

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