

NEW MOTOR AMBULANCE CAR.

“SKIBO CASTLE” PRESENTED BY MR ANDREW CARNEGIE, LL.D.
AND MRS CARNEGIE.



One of the latest and most serviceable motor ambulance cars now doing duty in France is the "Skibo Castle," presented by Mr Andrew Carnegie, LL.D. of Skibo and Mrs Carnegie. A remittance of £1000 was forwarded by Mr and Mrs Carnegie to Mr J. F. Hardie, factor on the Skibo Estates. Mr Hardie sent the money to Edinburgh, and the motor ambulance was specially built and fully equipped. It is a very thoughtful gift and one that is greatly appreciated by the gallant lads for whose comfort it was provided.

The first intimation of the gift to the county was made at a meeting of the County Committee of the Sutherland Branch of the Red Cross Society, when it was agreed to minute an appreciation of the laird and lady of Skibo for their kind gift for Red Cross purposes. At that time the Honorary Secretary also announced that this was the second car that had been intimated from the county, for Mr George Lauder, when residing at Ospisdale, had written to him offering a car which had been accepted. It was remarkable Mr Lauder grasped that the demand for motor cars would be very clamant and announced his gift in the first month of the war.

SUTHERLAND'S GREAT RED CROSS WEEK.

The Honorary Secretary, Dr MacLachlan, has sent out to representatives of all the parishes in Sutherland in connection with the great Red Cross week, to be held throughout Scotland from July 2nd to July

8th, a circular asking them to use their good offices in organising such functions as concerts, free gift sales, jumble sales, entertainments, sports, or in any other way they may desire. He is perfectly confident that the representatives will be well assisted by willing workers in each parish. From the scattered nature of the county it is impossible for him to interview any of the representatives in the distant parts, but he hopes they will do their best to make Sutherland's contribution worthy of the county they have the honour to live in. Last year the schoolmasters and schoolmistresses throughout the county organised the flag day so successfully that Headquarters in Glasgow are appealing direct to them. The children, no doubt, will be well received.

ENTHUSIASM IN DORNOCH.

A meeting was held in Dornoch on Friday in the Council Chambers of the Local Red Cross Committee. The attendance was not only a large but very enthusiastic one. Dr MacLachlan, the convener of the Local Committee, presided, and gave a statement of the appeal for £100,000 throughout Scotland in aid of the Red Cross War Fund, and in particular to provide medical and surgical treatment for our discharged-disabled soldiers. After discussion, it was resolved that a free-gift sale, combined with a jumble sale, was one way which would give an opportunity to all to contribute and buy. Teas,

musical afternoons or evenings will be arranged for as well as sports, including golf, bowls, and tennis matches, and there is a possibility of an open-air concert being held. The headmasters and headmistresses will be organised on much the same lines as previously. The week will be concluded on Friday night by a whist drive, in which it is expected many will take part. Large committees were appointed to organise and arrange the various forms of the proposals. At the meeting Mrs Hardie, convener of the Skibo-Clashmore Work Party, intimated that she had arranged to have a special afternoon for their district. What the nature of the entertainment would be had not been definitely decided, but she hoped it would appeal not only to their near neighbours but to the town and parish.

GOOD START IN BRORA DISTRICT.

The Brora contingent always rises to emergencies, the leaders being public spirited, and when they make up their minds to do a thing they do it well. Mr Hunter, Aldersyde, and Mrs Dudgeon Crakaig, will be the representatives. Councillor John Ross, J.P., has kindly agreed to do his best in support of the movement, and has just intimated that he wishes to acknowledge £10 from Mr Charles Akroyd. Reports from other districts are distinctly encouraging, and next week we hope to be in a position to give an account of how the other parishes are doing in the matter.