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### INTERIM.

WHEN it was decided by the Publication Committee that in the event of war the normal Journal would have to close down, the chief reason for the decision was a financial one: the inevitable cancellation of many advertisements and subscriptions—our sole sources of income—would have meant that by further publication we should have incurred a very serious debt. Soon after we had settled down into our present state of life we realised that the Journal must go on in some form or other and in fact had a more important function to fulfil than ever before.

So, after much correspondence and a certain amount of unpleasantness in some quarters, we have evolved our WAR BULLETIN, with representatives in practically every hospital and post in the sector. With regard to these correspondents, we had to appoint them rather hurriedly—though as carefully as possible—in order to receive news in time for our first issue. We recognise that some hospitals may wish to be represented by someone other than we have chosen; if that is so we would be grateful if they would elect their correspondent between themselves and let us know the result. The most important fact we beg them to remember, however, is that a position of authority is by no means a necessary qualification for this post—in fact rather the reverse.

Correspondents from Bart's itself have expressed some indignation that this Journal is not being run with its offices in that

Hospital: obviously our Headquarters will be where our Editorial staff are situated. It should be unnecessary to point out that, for a publication whose object it is to keep scattered Bart's men in touch with one another, the spiritual headquarters will naturally be Bart's.

Narrow-mindedness—after petty officialdom—seems to be the chief danger in our present mode of living. When the rumour spread abroad that people were to be moved in a few weeks' time there was tantamount to a revolution in every hospital. It is a gratifying fact—and a great tribute to the authorities—that practically everybody thinks their own situation absolutely beyond comparison with that of anyone else. None of us want to change our abode just yet, but let us hope that our newsletters will show each and all of us "how the other man is living" and that he is living just as interesting a life as we ourselves.

May we point out that to keep cost of production within reasonable limits we have had to use as cheap material and printing as possible for this number. We crave your indulgence for all its faults and will welcome all criticism, constructive suggestions, correspondence and articles of all kinds.

In conclusion let us state that, come what may, we intend that, like "La Libre Belge" of the last war, this publication shall carry on until the war is over so long as the name of Bart's remains and there are men left who are willing to undertake the production.