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**HEMPSTEAD HALL ESTATE, ESSEX.
LITTLE BULL FARM AND RUSES FARM.**

Officer-in-Charge—Capt. Allen.

Training in work on the land is important, but unfortunately at the moment it is not a very popular means of employment. Until migration to the Dominions can again be developed, and youths trained on farms here can be assured of positions overseas, the fullest use cannot be made of this centre. The work, however, is not at a stand-still, and lads are still being received from Special Areas and Institutions and trained in land work, varied by carpentry, boot repairing, bacon factory, etc., etc. These occupations are useful for the building up of youths and young men who have suffered through malnutrition during the years of trade depression. After training some continue work on the land, and are sent to various parts of the country. Others are fitted, owing to regained health and strength, for other kinds of employment.

Whilst at the Farm, and being kept interested and busy, they develop both in body and mind, whilst the spiritual influence of the Superintendent, Matron and staff cannot be over estimated. We are much encouraged by continually hearing from those who have benefited by a stay at Hempstead Hall.

In addition to the ordinary work of the Farm, lads from city homes spent a fortnight's holiday at the Farm whilst their mothers, with younger children, were accommodated in our seaside Fresh Air Homes.

FRIENDS OF DISABLED DEPARTMENT.

Secretary—Capt. E. Hanmore.

Many broken heroes and their families thank God for the Friends of the Disabled, and the many ways these Friends find of cheering and helping those who are still called upon to suffer through wounds received in the Great War.

Visits are regularly made, not only to badly Disabled Ex-Service Men, but also to their wives and families. Our visitors and friends find many ways of assisting; letters are written, medical and other attention secured, advice given to those needing guidance, whilst not a few have been sent for a much needed rest or holiday in the country or at the seaside. Children have been provided with clothing, and frequently, by the provision of tools or fares, employment has been obtained for some of these men.