

weary, battered men usually straight off duty in the trenches. The Australasian and Canadian nurses in France are doing "just fine." We are all proud of them, and that makes them do better still.

A nurse writes from France, "When I first came out here I could not speak French but made wild dashes at it, immensely to the amusement of my patients, so I made a compact with some of them (officers) and we had a change of lessons; they taught me French and I taught them English. On a certain day a prize was to be given to the one who had got on best. *I won it*, so no one need despair. Now in our off-duty time we have lessons from a regular teacher of languages. No doubt other English nurses are doing likewise."

We have received a nice long letter from Russia, from Miss H. Scott Hay (Sister Helen of the American Red Cross contingent) but as it is not for publication "for cause," suffice it to say she and her unit are working in a fine big Polytechnic School building, situated some distance from the city—in a beautiful park, with a capacity for 400 patients, and that they are happy in ministering to the Russian wounded, "who are," we learn, "most gratifying patients and friends" to their new found "Amerikansky" Sisters. One day when some of these kind fellows were leaving the hospital, Sister Helen said to one of them, indicating the Head Sister of the division: "Isn't she a good sister?" He replied: "*Niet Cestra matt*," which meant: "not sister, but mother." And another, a Russian priest, said: "I'm going away to-morrow, and I want all the Sisters to know that a plain Russian soldier thanks them from the bottom of his heart." And, as Sister Helen adds: "I am perfectly sure these kindly expressions were perfectly sincere, it makes our great happiness, feeling we are able to help them and make them happier. We have only surgery, and the men show splendid traits of endurance, cheerfulness and patriotism." More we may not quote, but many friends will be pleased to get just a glimpse of Sister Helen on her mission of mercy, and to hear the unit is well. Her portrait, and a picture of the building in which she is working, appear on the previous page.

Mr. H. Hamilton Fyfe, of the *Daily Mail*, has met Miss Violetta Thurstan in Petrograd, and under the title of "The Story of a Nurse," gives an appreciative column to her work and adventures in the issue of Monday last, much of which has already appeared in our columns.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Thurstan's recent illness is not of a permanent nature. She was wounded in the leg whilst attending to injured men in the firing line, and had an attack of pleurisy as the result of continuous exposure to great cold. The friend who has joined her will, we are pleased to learn, have no need to bring her home, but has gone to assist in hospital work in

Russia. Miss Thurstan writes in her last letter that she is quite well again and going back to her duties. The very best of luck to her.

A nurse from Holland writes:—

"The faults of the Red Cross Societies seem the same all over Europe. The little that Society does here is a series of stupidities in so far as nursing is concerned. Here is a true tale. The matron of a children's sanatorium in the country had to send the children back to Amsterdam in the early days of August, and offered the sanatorium to the R.C.S., as it is an ideal place for convalescents. It replied that the Society could not accept the offer, "because they did not want the soldiers to eat tuberculosis"!

Hundreds of trained nurses have offered their services, but assistants from the aristocracy who do no real work have been preferred before them. They do these things better in America and Japan."

The Militia Department at Ottawa has announced the supplementary list of nurses who are coming over for service with the Expeditionary Forces. Those from Eastern Canada are: Misses M. O. Boulter, Montreal; Matron E. C. Rayside, Lancaster, Ontario; Matron E. Hegan, St. John, New Brunswick; M. Dibblee, Woodstock, Ontario; A. A. Thompson, Chance Harbour, New Brunswick; F. Armstrong, St. John; St. Joy Joyce Wishart, St. John; A. L. MacKay, Halifax; M. C. Drew, Liverpool, Nova Scotia; Alice Mills, Truro; M. M. Ellis, Halifax; Annie McNicoll, Ottawa; Allison Dickinson, Toronto; Hazel Gelleau, London; M. B. Hubbs, Hillier, Ontario; M. Motherwell, Stamford, Ontario; M. Elliott, Toronto; W. V. Godard, Toronto; L. P. Shepherd, St. Thomas; A. Riordan, Ottawa; J. Cameron Smith, Powassen, Ontario; Helen Foulds, Hastings, Ontario; L. B. Smellie, Port Arthur, Ontario; L. Manchester, L. Stevens and I. Willies, Ottawa; Freda Taylor, Toronto; C. E. Cameron, E. F. Upton, and F. Dalglish, Montreal; R. Pentland, Quebec; C. I. Nixon, G. E. Stalker, A. H. Nelson, E. Sullivan, Nella Wilson and Lena Boyd, Montreal; M. G. Harston, Quebec; and Muriel Armstrong, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

It is reported from Copenhagen that thirty-eight nurses have been decorated by the Kaiser with the Iron Cross, an honour hitherto reserved for men.

A sentence of three years' penal servitude has been passed upon George Davis, 34, engineer, an old offender, who was found guilty at Rochester Quarter Sessions of breaking into and entering Fort Pitt Military Hospital. The prisoner obtained access to the nurses' quarters. In sentencing him the Recorder said it was bad enough to rob people in their houses, but to steal the goods of sisters who were nursing our wounded soldiers was an infinitely worse crime.

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