

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Whilst certain members of the Corps have never been satisfied that the work they were deputed to do in any way fulfilled their longing to be of the utmost service to the sick and wounded, or expended half their energy, others from the first have been very fully occupied. Sister Annie Hawkins, Supervisor of Unit III, who since she arrived in France has been working at Evreux, writes: "We have been kept so busy we have not been able to take any regular time off duty during the day. Of the sixteen who were at Evreux we are the only four who remain. At St. Francois we have the leading surgeon of the place, and he operates at other hospitals in the town, and F at Louvins. I assist at all the operations here, and often at those outside. Miss Wilcox and I take the surgical side of the hospital, which has about 80 beds, always well filled; Miss Bale and Miss Case are on the medical side, there they have a special ward for enterics, the only one in the town of Evreux. When it was suggested we should be moved to the war zone a little time ago the authorities were very much against our leaving, and we could not have better work at present. We have not had any patients in so terribly wounded since the Battle of the Marne; we still have some of them left. . . . One poor fellow lay on the ground for five days and four nights, with nothing to eat or drink, with a shattered thigh. During that time he got slightly hit in the head by a German bullet. He was picked up by a French regiment, and had two days in the train coming here. Poor Francois, he is still on his back, with operations to come, but quite cheerful and patient. Frozen feet is what we have been having in lately. One poor fellow



MISS B. T. CASE AND MISS A. L. WILCOX, F.F.N.C., AT EVREUX.

will lose all his toes, but I think we shall save his feet. I should be very glad of things for the patients. Parcels so far have come very well. Friends have been very good in sending the things, but so many patients pass through our hands, and they are so pleased with things which come from England. Major Leo, our surgeon, is always pleased to have chloroform. . . . There is a fine chapel attached, and before the War our hospital was a college of the Order of St. Francois, and many of the priests are still here." The great hospital in the Petit Lycée de Talence, Bordeaux, is now getting into full swing, although

more nurses are required, and are being selected to send out. It is by no means merely a temporary military hospital for the wounded, but a general and special hospital, with a staff of eminent and thoroughly up-to-date surgeons attached, from Bordeaux and Paris, amongst them the great throat specialist, Dr. Moure, who operates on the throat of the King of Spain. There are now medical and surgical wards for throat and nose cases, plastic operations, and skin cases. There are two beautiful theatres, small and large, and we hear the Sisters have done wonders in this department. Sister Rawlins is Head Theatre Sister, Sister Nairn has charge of the in-

struments, Sister Watson of the sterilising, and Sister Drennan of the second theatre when both are required at the same time, as often happens. The wards are also being improved and got into working order. Miss Haswell reports that the surgeons expect every one up-to-date, and nurses who speak French naturally take the lead.

It has been arranged for Miss C. Jex-Blake, trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, Mrs. Holgate, cert. Middlesex Hospital, and Miss Barker, cert. London Hospital, to leave London for Bordeaux on Thursday in this week.

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