

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Of the four members who left for France on the 13th inst., Sister Sainsbury has been sent to Bergues to help to nurse typhoid, and Sisters Addison, Banks, and Giles are on duty at Besançon, where Sisters Robb and Berry are already at work.

We note it announced in *Kai Tiaki* that service with the French Flag Nursing Corps is entirely voluntary. This is a mistake. The emoluments are as follows: Salary £40, uniform £4, board, lodging, and travelling expenses paid by the French Government. This rate of remuneration, which may be considered as out-of-pocket expenses, enables many well trained nurses to offer their skilled services to the sick and wounded of our Allies, who otherwise would be compelled to remain at home. It is not of the same significance from an economical point of view as if this salary was decided by the English War Office, as no nurse need accept it unless she chooses, and the market value of skilled nursing is not affected as it is when our own Government decrees that half fees only shall be paid to volunteers for the nursing of our sick and wounded soldiers in State institutions.

Miss Lilian Miller, cert. London Homœopathic Hospital, Miss May M. Weir, cert. Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Miss Charlotte E. Browne, cert. City and County Infirmary, Derry, and Miss Elizabeth Fleming, cert. Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, left London for France on Thursday, April 22nd.

A very large number of applications for service with the F.F.N.C. have been recently received, and the statement made in a pseudo-nursing paper that no more nurses are to be sent to France is absolutely inaccurate.

A BATTLE ROYAL WITH DISEASE.

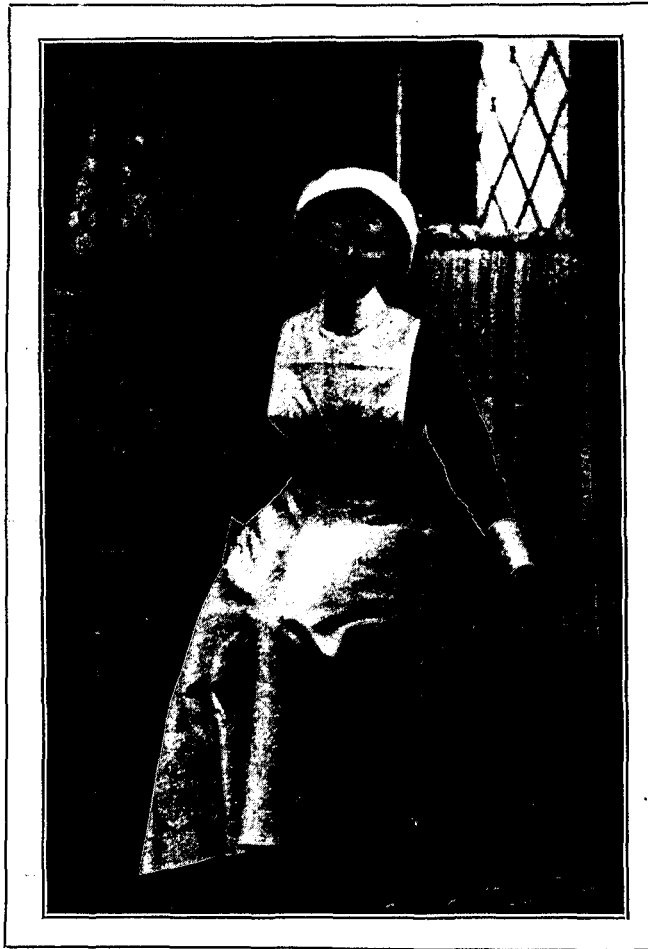
Sir Thomas Lipton in an urgent appeal for help for Serbia now fighting not only the enemy, but the deadly power of typhus, with totally inadequate forces, writes of the doctors and nurses at work there:—"Day and night, while we work, rest or sleep, these men and women are ever fighting death. With courage as great as that of our soldiers who hold the trenches in Flanders against the Huns, they are fighting an awful but invisible foe. I have seen these wonderful

people at work. I am proud to call many of them my friends. I saw the happy confidence of these doctors and nurses who sailed with me in the *Evin* from England to Macedonia on the way to Serbia. They realised they were about to pass into a country of misery, of wounds and disease—a country from which many might not, and some would certainly not return. In rude hospitals, hundreds of miles from luxurious homes that they willingly left, they are doing their work."

Of the confidence of the Serbian people in the help of Great Britain, Sir Thomas writes that he told them he was sure that when this country knew their need the response would be instantaneous, and adds:—"I am

now carrying out my pledge to the noble people who are fighting our battle in the Balkans; the people who are keeping hundreds of thousands of soldiers from attacking the armies of England, France, Russia and Belgium. I am about to take the *Evin* back to the Near East, and I hope to take it filled with much that the Serbian nation so sorely and urgently needs."

The Red Cross Society has co-operated with all the other British organizations in the appointment of Sir Ralph Paget as Chief Commissioner in Serbia.



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