

### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

A friend writes:—"You will be pleased to hear that Sister Garner of the R.N.S. is known at Lisieux, as *la petite Soeur*. The Médecin Chef has a very high opinion of her. She is a real soldier's friend, and has impressed everyone with whom she has come in contact with her nursing spirit and good head. These are the sort of nurses who may help to light the torch of modern nursing in France, where, alas! *infirmières* have not yet been encouraged to rise to a professional level. Again, every English Sister who proves her deep sympathy with the brave soldiers of France rivets the *entente cordiale* on a very sure basis. Into hundreds of homes far from the fighting line praise of the skill, kindness, and devotion of *les Anglaises* to the sick and wounded is being carried. How about it for a bit of diplomacy? Is such work not something that the mother, wife, and sweetheart of Piou-piou can actually realise? Deeds speak deeper than words. Of course, it is not all *couleur de rose*, but the friends of the patients who come from a distance and sit with their dear ones in hospital wards are deeply impressed with the attention bestowed upon them by *les Anglaises*. Example is very far-reaching. As for the men themselves, they are altogether charming and most gracious fellows."

After interminable delays the ten nurses whose names we published last week left London for France on Thursday. What with passports, certificates, permits, and endless signing of documents-it means that all trained nurses who are proceeding abroad for active-service in the war zone must spend six days in London to comply with the formalities. No doubt the intention of the War Office is to sift the credentials of nurses for fear that undesirable persons should pass through, and we are glad to note that at last the nationality and parentage of candidates are being enquired into. This precaution should, of course, have been taken from the first, and the Committee of the F.F.N.C. is to be congratulated that it has strictly enforced the rule of British



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SISTERS AT LISIEUX.

1. Sister Garner, 2. Sister Holgate, 3. Sister Hampson.
4. Sister Pouncey.

parentage for membership of the Corps. Such a precaution was only fair to the French Government. Scotland Yard has been very busy following up some of the undesirable women who in our uniform have been posing as nurses far too near the Front. One of these spies, we hear, was recently caught red-handed in Paris.

So greatly have the services of many of the members been appreciated, that the French authorities are very loth to part with them when a six months' term has expired. We have seen several letters couched in the most flattering terms from their superior officers, which the Sisters greatly value.

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