

### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Sisters Dickson and Geekie have been placed on duty at Lisieux, where Miss M. Mitchell is now acting as Supervisor. Mrs. Holgate and Miss Macarthur have been transferred to Neufchâteau where the services of many more nurses could be utilised. The hospital Rébeval contains some 500 patients, many suffering from typhoid, and of the little staff of Sisters there, one has fallen a victim to this disease after a few weeks on duty. The Sisters write asking for help, for money, for ward comforts, and clothing, especially for towels, shirts, pyjamas, pillows and pillow cases, slippers, socks, dressing-gowns, nail brushes, combs and picture papers. Indeed, they want everything they can get hold of. Parcels can be sent to Miss E. M. Smith, Hôpital Rébeval, Neufchâteau, Vosges, France.

The Sisters are most interested in their work, and how strenuous it is can be imagined when one realises that each Sister has a ward of about 20 patients, very severe cases, as others are moved on as quickly as possible. The authorities are all very kind, and already there are improvements which the soldiers greatly appreciate. This hospital is about thirty-seven miles from the trenches, and the motors come with the sick night and day. Neufchâteau is a quaint little town beautifully situated, the surrounding country lovely. The Countess d'Alsace, who has a chateau three miles off, after visiting the hospital, gave the Sisters an open invitation. The chateau is full of interest, and comforts for the patients are promised. But with 500 patients and all the appointments being primitive, kind readers of this JOURNAL may rest assured that all they send will be of the utmost use and comfort.

Some of the Sisters who did such good work at Bergues and left the little town with much regret, are now on a new bit of interesting work. They are on duty on the barges which transport the wounded from Adinkerke to Bourbourg and are enjoying the new experience.

Sister Annie Hawkins has been privileged to be of the greatest use to the French wounded ever since she was deputed to duty last November to the Military Hospital at Evreux. The great Surgeon-Major Léo, now surgeon-inspector for the Division, at once appreciated the surgical nursing skill of

Sister Hawkins, and she has been helping him with his enormous operating work ever since, to cope with which work must often be begun at 7.15 a.m. The "sun" treatment for wounds has proved wonderfully efficacious in this great surgeon's practice.

In an interesting letter received from Dr. Anna Hamilton, of the Protestant Hospital, Bordeaux, she writes: "There has been a doll's exhibition this week for the benefit of the Army orphans. We sent a model of a wounded patient in bed with one of our nurses attending him; also a visiting nurse, and a nurse of the French Flag Nursing Corps. Those four dolls have



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been a very great success, and attracted crowds round them. I put a card in the hand of the French Flag nurse telling something about them. . . . We had some difficulty in finding a doll who looked *English*, but we did secure one, and all our nurses much enjoyed dressing up the dolls." Dr. Hamilton is deeply interested in the work at the Talence Hospital and has greatly enjoyed meeting Miss Haswell, Miss Tod, and other members of the Corps.

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