

### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

The Children's Matinée which was given at the Royal Court Theatre on June 29th under the patronage of Queen Alexandra, the Vicomtesse de la Panouse and the Indian Empire Club, in aid of the French Flag Nursing Corps, was an unprecedented success, as not only were the ballets perfectly lovely, but the house was full, and great credit is due to Mrs. Wordsworth for an artistic colour scheme of exquisite beauty and for the wonderfully finished dancing of her pupils, especially when considering their youth.

Fourteen very pretty girls did a lively trade in selling programmes and chocolates, the latter in very attractive cases—a shower of which were thrown on the stage instead of flowers before the final drop of the curtain.

whom we feel so justly proud of being allied. Mrs. Murray has handed to the Hon. Treasurer the handsome sum of £108, the proceeds from the sale of tickets, &c., after paying all expenses for rent of theatre, band, &c. Those of us who realise the work entailed to attain such success must offer the Chairman of the Corps sincere congratulations.

Miss Ellison has asked us to thank the Sisters of the F.F.N.C. for the charming letters of appreciation they have sent her about her meetings. She hopes to reply to them all in due course. In the meanwhile she asks us to say she considers it a privilege to have been able to speak in England of the splendid work done in France by this pioneer corps of nurses.

No one knows better than Miss Ellison the difficulties the nurses have had to face, but the



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Sisters and Doctors on the Russian Front.

The audience was most enthusiastic, and at the end of a really brilliant performance there was a call for Mrs. Wordsworth, who was presented with beautiful bouquets, one being handed to her by a tiny tot who could hardly hold the shower of pink roses clasped in her arms.

Mrs. Murray, the Chairman of the Corps, and to whose indefatigable energy the whole financial success of the matinée is due, conveyed to Mrs. Wordsworth the thanks of the Committee—also to the very talented children and their parents—for the delightful afternoon's entertainment, which would enable the Committee to send more fully qualified, skilled nurses, so urgently needed, to the gallant wounded soldiers of France, with

appreciation of the French soldiers, as expressed in extracts from their letters which Miss Ellison read at her lectures, should be sufficient reward for all their labours. One soldier wrote: "These nurses have brought into the French Army a beautiful and wonderful influence which will never die,"

Writing to a Sister now at home, a French doctor says:—"I had the good fortune to find here three nurses of your Corps. I like very much all the Sisters, and as a *medecin chef* I have pleasure in saying they are the best of all the nurses I have met since the beginning of the war. My soldiers are good friends with them, and I am very glad of it."

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