

out two inches beyond the opening, and the chatty filled about three-quarters with water. The foot with the part affected is placed over a large enamelled tray, sufficiently large to collect all the water which drops from the chatty; over the presenting part of the guinea worm is placed a square of lint, and cold water is allowed to drop continuously on this until the worm is extracted. I forgot to mention the principal thing. The chatty is tied up by a strong bandage to the top bamboo, and so suspended over the foot or affected part. I think this a very good arrangement, as the nurse need not worry more than to keep the chatty well supplied with water. A net cover is placed over the chatty, which keeps out dust. The mud chatty only costs two farthings, or six pies, and is never used a second time.

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### SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S DESPATCH.

In Sir Douglas Haig's Despatch on the Somme Campaign the following praise is accorded the Medical and Nursing Services:—

#### WORK OF MEDICAL AND NURSING SERVICES.

The losses entailed by the constant fighting threw a specially heavy strain on the Medical Services. This has been met with the greatest zeal and efficiency. The gallantry and devotion with which officers and men of the regimental medical service and field ambulances have discharged their duties is shown by the large number of the R.A.M.C. and Medical Corps of the Dominions who have fallen in the field. The work of the Medical Services behind the front has been no less arduous. The untiring professional zeal and marked ability of the surgical specialists and consulting surgeons combined with the skill and devotion of the medical and nursing staffs, both at the casualty clearing stations in the field and the stationary and general hospitals at the base, have been beyond praise.

### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Eleanor Turnell, Supervisor, F.F.N.C. Unit at Fismes, has been awarded the Silver Medaille d'Honneur des Epidémiés by the French Government, for her work in nursing contagious cases with Ambulance 12/2. Miss Turnell has now been a member of the Corps since April, 1915, and has given much devoted service to the soldiers of the French Army suffering with various forms of infectious disease, and has with her colleagues done much to nurse them back to complete health. Fismes is in the war zone, and all the Sisters who have been on duty there have worked untiringly and won well-deserved commendation from the medical officers to whom they are responsible. The appreciation of the patients has also been of the most enthusiastic nature.

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

A few weeks ago it was suggested that some kind of club accommodation should be provided for the nurses and V.A.D. members working in military and auxiliary hospitals in Edinburgh. It was recognised that they, in many instances, came from districts at a distance, and that they had nowhere to go for rest and relaxation when off duty. The suggestion had only to be made for its value to be appreciated, and it was most sympathetically received by the Edinburgh Committee of the Red Cross. A furnished house was acquired at 8, Hope Street by the Red Cross in the beginning of November, and an invitation to the nurses and V.A.D. members in the hospitals in Edinburgh and district to use it as a club was cordially given. In a few days a membership of 700 was reached, and it is satisfactory to know that there is now in a convenient part of the town a club where these war workers can rest, write letters, read papers, and in the early morning have a cup of cocoa or some such beverage, and get their tea in comfort in the afternoon. It is gratifying that this latest Red Cross scheme has been so generally taken advantage of. A committee of ladies supervise the affairs of the club, and, when necessary, assist with the work.

The newspapers are assuming that the future of the nursing profession depends upon what they describe as "the splendid material among V.A.D.s," yet one paper proceeds to report that "a cheerful young V.A.D., who declares that she likes nursing, and thinks she is good at it, gave the following reason for not qualifying herself for the care of the sick:—'No, I'm not "going in" for nursing in the ordinary way,' she said. 'The whole training scheme is unfair. Every beginner is absolutely at the mercy of her Matron, and there is quite an average percentage of cats among Matrons. A catty one can have you discharged without appeal and ruin your whole career, and all the time it may only be because she has herself goaded you into some trivial fault.'"

The "catty" contingent of Matrons may breathe again, and so may the right type of woman who is prepared to devote herself to the care of the sick and suffering of *both sexes*, and by much self-sacrifice acquire a thorough knowledge of her work. The "splendid material" presumably latent in the undisciplined kitten aforesaid will not be available for the higher evolution of our profession. With the Mrs. Dill-Binkies of fiction the species will disappear when the lime-light is turned off after the war.

The Dowager Empress Marie of Russia, in an interview at Kieff, where she has five hospitals for the wounded, recently told a special correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company that:— "There are no soldiers in the world like our Russian soldiers. Never have I heard them speak

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