

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

CROIX ROUGE FRANCAISE (COMITÉ DE LONDRES).

For the future the French Flag Nursing Corps will form an integral part of the Croix Rouge Française (Comité de Londres), and as such will be financed by it—an eminently satisfactory arrangement made possible by the generosity of the President, the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, who, as President of both organizations, sincerely appreciates the excellent services rendered by the highly-skilled Sisters of the F.F.N.C. to her heroic compatriots and the unselfish and understanding spirit in which they have carried out their duties.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has been invited to act as Hon. Superintendent and Treasurer of the Corps—thus providing for expert opinion at Headquarters in London, and has consented to accept office with the aid of Miss Grace Ellison, Déléguée du Ministre de la Guerre, and delegate of the Comité de Londres, in France.

Dr. Murray Leslie, who has since its inception given most generous professional service to the Corps, will continue to act as Hon. Medical Adviser, and Miss I. Hutchinson will be Secretary as heretofore. These appointments are greatly appreciated by the Sisters in France, between whom and their officers the greatest cordiality has existed, and through which good feeling perfect harmony exists. We feel sure the F.F.N.C. in the future as in the past will continue its successful unobtrusive work, and that one and all will continue inspired by the desire that the Sisters may be enabled to render to the utmost of their power help and comfort in the highest degree to the brave sick and wounded soldiers of the great Republic, heroes who with such astounding valour are daily making ultimate victory more sure.

A MARK OF CONFIDENCE.

The whole Corps will rejoice at the mark of confidence extended to Miss Ellison by the French Government, who, as its honoured guest, has been permitted to visit Verdun accompanied by Miss Davies, whose mother has been a most generous supporter of the Corps, and accompanied by the Marquis de Ganay. What an experience! a heart-rending, yet glorious sight, but over it we must in loyalty draw a veil—the enemy is still at its gates.

A CHARMING VIGNETTE.

"We are beginning to thaw," wrote a Sister this week. "The violets and primroses are here and in a few days spring will be with us, after *such* a winter; but how soon we forget the little discomforts we have had to endure when we see the sun smiling down upon us, and to-day he is laughing broadly. Isn't hope a marvellous help? This is my second spring in this land of flowers, and this year every uncurling leaf and twinkling bud conveys its message. We feel victory in our veins, and we all want to jump over the moon—Baghdad — Petrograd — Peronne! "Why you

smile?" asked a Poilu who was watching me write. "Listen," and I read this bit of my letter. "Why not Berlin?" he cried, throwing his cap in the air, and off he went dancing round the garden on his crutches. I, too, should have loved to whirl after him on the tips of my toes, my "pinny" and cap wings floating around. But I didn't. That is how the French spring bestirs red corpuscles, and you know I am not really frivolous."

Now isn't that a charming vignette?"

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

SAD NEWS COMES FROM SALONIKA.

The British hospital camps attached to the Serbian Army at Vertekop, which on three occasions last summer were bombed by German aeroplanes, were again attacked in similar fashion last week, with the result that several of the patients were killed or wounded and two British nurses lost their lives. These were Staff Nurse M. S. Dewar, Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, and Staff Nurse M. Marshall, of the same Service. Staff Nurse D. E. Dodds, T.F.N.S., who was trained at the Willesden Infirmary, was wounded, but we are glad to know she is recovering. There is absolutely no excuse for this new act of barbarity, because the hospital camps in question are situated a long distance from any other camps and are conspicuously marked with enormous red crosses painted on the ground.

It is evident that the enemy bombarded them intentionally.

WEDDING BELLS.

The many friends of Miss Constance Maudling at St. Giles' Infirmary, Camberwell, where she was trained, and elsewhere, will offer her their warm wishes for her future happiness on her marriage with Mr. Conrad Hughes Davies, 2nd Lieut., Household Battalion, and son of the late Mr. David Davies, of Pernambuco and Madeira, and Mrs. Davies. The wedding took place at Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where Miss Maudling's father, Engineer-Captain W. I. Maudling, R.N., resides, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar, Canon A. Root.

After completing her training at Camberwell, Mrs. Davies had experience of private nursing in Liverpool, and was afterwards Sister at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham, and holds the I.S.T.M. certificate for massage. In 1913, she was appointed a Matron at the Staff Quarters of the Great Western of Brazil Railway Company, Pernambuco, and in 1915, did holiday duty with the F.F.N.C.

The King paid a surprise visit on Tuesday to St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, N.W., where such good work is being done for blinded soldiers. His Majesty was gratified to hear that the work of the blinded soldier masseurs is much appreciated. All who have left St. Dunstan's are employed.

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