

snatched from these poor people. We believe we are going to C—; it will be a great pleasure to me to see Germany under opposite circumstances to 1914! Altogether, these last six months have been a wonderful time for us. I only wish I could write it all down."

"There was a great ceremony to-day," says another Sister. "Two of our doctors were decorated with the Croix de Guerre, and the General made some charming speeches. We were told we were to follow the corps wherever it went; and, as it is forming part of the 'troops of occupation,' we expect ere long to be camping on the borders of the R—. We are all, of course, very anxious to enter Germany."

"CHEZ EUX."

"Our dear, brave Poilus are absolutely overwhelmed with joy at the prospect of soon going 'chez eux' once more. I shall never forget my experience of them, their gratitude, their manliness, their splendid cheerfulness, courage and fine moral. . . . Thanking you for all the good you have established for us at the Front, and for having so well looked after our welfare through thick and thin all these past eventful four years."

RECOGNITION BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Certain information is required by the French War Office, in reference to the recognition of the services of the Members of the French Flag Nursing Corps who have served for two years and upwards under its authority. Mrs. Fenwick will be obliged if the present address of Miss Beatrice Ackroyd, Cert. Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and of Miss Florence Morris (Canadian Unit), Cert. General Hospital, Vancouver, can be communicated to her at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., without delay.

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

Staff Nurse Bessie Coltman, who died recently at Lenzie, was buried with military honours at Alloa. Miss Coltman transferred from a civilian to a military hospital at the outbreak of war, and had seen service abroad, both in East and Central Africa and at Malta. For devotion to duty she was awarded the M.B.E. a few months ago.

REPLY TO BIRTHDAY MESSAGE.

Queen Alexandra, replying to a birthday message from "all ranks of the British Armies in France," sent by Sir Douglas Haig, said:—

"With a deeply grateful heart I thank you and all our splendid and brave Army in France for kind wishes on my old birthday. Accept all my heartfelt congratulations for your splendid and glorious achievements and peace."

TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL. 1930.

Another little grand-daughter: "What did you do in the Great War, grannie?"

Grannie (triumphantly): "I married twice."

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Miss Winifred Wood has been appointed Matron of the Royal Air Force Convalescent Hospital at Swanage, a beautiful, breezy watering-place on the south coast, where the gulls which frequent the cliffs and sweep over the bay, will afford many a lesson in the art of flying. Miss Wood, until recently, has been Head Sister at the Royal Air Force Hospital in London.

All the service patients capable of moving or of being moved, and practically the entire staff of Princess Patricia Military Hospital, Bray, assembled at the railway station to bid *au revoir* to Sister McIlroy, who had relinquished her appointment after two years' service at the Institution. The affection in which Sister McIlroy was held was given tangible expression in an attaché case and gold brooch from the staff, and gold signet ring and gold bracelet from the patients.

Miss Torrance, recently Chief Nurse of the American Red Cross in Great Britain, has left London to join the Mission to the Balkan States, in which from previous experience she is deeply interested. American Mission Nurses undoubtedly led the van in such work before the war—especially in China and in the Far East—and have now immense scope for pouring oil on the troubled waters after months of war. We hope our own trained nurses, especially those who have been attached to Pioneer Corps, whose experience is of great value, will be encouraged to go far afield and help bind up the world's wounds by carrying the teaching of the prevention of disease, and skilled nursing, into many insanitary and malodorous places.

We are glad that attention is being drawn in the Press to the arrangement that Australian nurses on active service may be granted leave without pay, prior to their leaving for Australia. It is pointed out that a soldier's pay is not stopped when he gets leave, and neither should that of the nurses be. *The British Australian* says:—"Their work is as laborious as that of any soldier—much more so than that of an officer—and very often they have shared the same dangers. Throughout the war the conduct and devotion of the military nursing staff have called for nothing but admiration. This has been accorded freely enough, but praise is cheap, and, if unaccompanied by justice, paltry."

"POT-POURRI FROM AN EDITH CAVELL GARDEN."

Anyone wishing to help an Edith Cavell Home of Rest for Nurses can do so by purchasing pot-pourri made from an old recipe (1804). All the proceeds are given to the Home. Apply to Hon. Mrs. Corbet, Raven House Edith Cavell Home, Adderley, Market Drayton.

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