

medical men attending the Congress from Belgium—saying that the hospitals of Brussels would be glad to have thirty trained nurses as soon as possible. The St. John's Ambulance Association, on being consulted, most generously undertook to finance the party, and to further its journey to Brussels, telegraphing to their Commissioner in Belgium, Mr. Oppenheimer, to meet it, and giving Miss Cutler an official introduction through Lady Perrott to the Belgian Red Cross Society. The nurses left Charing Cross at 8.30 on Wednesday morning. Thus with the utmost possible despatch Dr. Marcelle's request has been in part fulfilled, and it is hoped that the rest of the thirty will shortly leave for Belgium.

The party, with Miss Cutler as its head,

Gertrude K. Gillon (Nurses' Co-operation, Leicester). Five of the party speak fluent French, and one speaks German.

The delightful picture here reproduced by the courtesy of the *Daily Mirror* shows the English nurses sent out by Mr. Alfred de Rothschild leaving Brussels for the front. Their happy and smiling faces quickly inspired confidence.

The thoughts of many English nurses are with their friends of the Assistance Publique of Paris and the members of its Nursing School at this time, and we know there are many who would wish to help it if help were needed. But a letter of enquiry to M. André Mesureur



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ENGLISH NURSES LEAVING BRUSSELS FOR THE FRONT.

included Miss K. F. Wilkinson (Sister Surgery), St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who is a qualified dispenser, and Miss Lillian Farley (cert. Rotherham Hospital), now working in the Resident Staff Quarters of the hospital, who is a certificated cook; Miss E. J. Haswell, Miss Elsie Evans, and Miss E. M. Reid (Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, London); Miss Frances M. Waugh and Miss B. A. Brewin (St. John's House), Miss Ella Young (South Kensington Co-operation), Miss Sylvia Corby, Miss Frances L. Brown, and Miss Christina Smith (Galen House, Guildford), Miss Annie M. Hanning (Sister-in-Charge of a Nursing Home at Bexhill), Miss

brought the reply from Mlle. Clémence, the Directrice, that at present many of the wards in the hospitals had been emptied, and the whole nursing staff are on duty in readiness to receive the wounded who may be sent to Paris; therefore at present the help of English nurses is not needed, but they will remember the offer and enlist our help should need arise.

Mlle. Clémence concludes:—"A thousand times thanks, in the name of the Administration, in my name, and in the name of all the French."

The leaflets issued by the St. John's Ambulance Association, including one for working parties, are most useful, and should be secured.

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