

DESPATCHED TO THE FRONT.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL CORPS, PARIS.

We are pleased to learn that the Women's Hospital Corps, which left London on the 15th inst., to take over a hospital in Paris under the Croix Rouge de France and the direct approval of the French Government, is installed in Claridge's Hotel, Champs Elysées, and hard at work. Upon their arrival the Women's Hospital Corps fitted up and arranged the whole hotel, and by the 18th patients were admitted. At present the patients are English, but they are expecting Frenchmen. Five English officers are under treatment in the smaller wards. Operations have been performed daily, some being serious cases of bone injury. A very important part of the work consists in sending out motors with doctors to give treatment on the spot and to bring back the worst cases. The hospital does its best to keep the relatives of the patients constantly informed. The hospital has sent to England for an X-ray apparatus, a motor ambulance, and extra surgical apparatus, which lack of funds prevented them from taking over with them and these have been sent. The medical women in charge make an earnest appeal for every sort of comfort for the sick; the articles most wanted are shirts, socks, pyjamas, and handkerchiefs. Those who prefer to send money will understand that with it doctors can purchase what they require for patients. It should be understood that they are the *wounded* who especially require these articles, as they cannot obtain them from the official supply, and they are brought in with uniform and clothes spoiled and useless. All contributions in money and in kind should be sent to Dr. Woodcock, 27, Nottingham Place, W., who will forward them.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, 25th, Mrs. Gwynne Norton left London, with Miss Gramshaw, of the Registered Nurses' Society, for Deauville, and Miss Bow, of the same Society, followed on Saturday. Miss Galt proceeded on the 26th to Dinan.

The following contingent left for France on Tuesday, 29th ult.:—Matron: Miss Piza, Addenbrookes. Assistant Matron: Miss D. Taylor, Metropolitan. Miss Rawlings, Middlesex; Miss Eburah, Great Northern and Registered Nurses Society; Mrs. Denning, Leeds General; and Miss Montgomery, Glasgow Western.

Hospitals for the wounded have been established by St. John Ambulance at Dinan, Deauville, and Dieppe, in connection with the Croix Rouge, and it is hoped soon to place one at St. Malo, and in the near future it is hoped to supply two hospital ships.

Orderlies are constantly being despatched to France and Belgium. Large consignments of garments, hospital dressings, &c., have been sent to the British Minister at Antwerp, to Sir Alfred Keogh at Nantes, to the Croix Rouge at Deauville,

and also to the following places:—Woolwich, Hospital, Milbank Hospital, Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, Leeds Hospital, Hounslow Hospital, the Reception Hospital, Windsor, the Military Hospital, Tower of London, the London Military Hospital, the Connaught Military Hospital, Aldershot, Lincoln Territorial Hospital, and St. John's Hospital, Lewisham. A large number of beds and mattresses are being despatched to Antwerp, at the request, received on Saturday, of the British Minister.

The St. John Ambulance Association has undertaken the supply of comforts and stores to the troops in the Expeditionary Force from India. Suitable gifts of articles, a list of which can be procured, and of money should be sent to the St. John Ambulance Association, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, as the India Office has delegated this work to the Order of St. John. It is possible that a hospital for members of this Force may be established at Alexandria.

No more nurses have returned from Belgium, but as there are plenty of German nurses in Brussels, and English nurses cannot get transferred to the seat of war, the nurses there are being advised to return to England as opportunities present themselves. News comes that all the nurses are well and have won golden opinions from the Belgian Red Cross Society.

The Association is also organising a party of surgeons and nurses for Serbia, where their services are very urgently required.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The British Red Cross Society were authorised by the War Office on the 25th to send out to Paris 30 surgeons, 150 nurses, and a proportionate number of orderlies. The Society has been extremely busy making arrangements for their despatch at once. Authority has also been given at the same time to the British Red Cross Society to despatch 100 motor-ambulances. The Society is arranging this in conjunction with the Royal Automobile Club, and it is expected that they will be delivered at Paris within 14 days. At Rouen a large base hospital has been arranged, and Mrs. Ludlow, R.R.C., left London on the 23rd ult. for Rouen with a party of 10 nurses; 20 more who were at Cherbourg have joined them. This forms the third unit sent out by the British Red Cross, and is designed to hold 300 beds. The nurses accompanying Mrs. Ludlow were Miss H. M. Barry, Miss Una de Wil, Miss O. S. Carr, and Miss M. Bowes (St. George's Hospital); Miss H. M. Bennett and Miss E. Williams (University College Hospital); Miss W. Haines and Miss E. Rape (King's College Hospital); Miss R. Gibbs (Gloucester Infirmary); and Miss E. Jackson (Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen).

The following contingent of nurses, forming number four unit, left London for France on Tuesday, 29th ult. Thirty more nurses will be sent over on Thursday in this week:—R. Belcham (St. Mary's), B. R. S. Brownrigg (St. George's), G. L. Baynes (Montreal General),

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