

do all in their power to enhance. The full complement of nurses proposed by the Minister of War for the Rouen district will therefore be engaged in units as soon as possible, sent to France and met by Miss Ellison, who will conduct them to their destinations.

And this brings us to business. Application forms for service in the French Flag Nursing Corps are now ready, and can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Miss Keith, at 60, Nevcrn Square, Earl's Court, S.W., from Mrs. Murray, 5, Nevcrn Square, Earl's Court, S.W., and from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. Only thoroughly trained nurses of British nationality are eligible, holding a certificate of three years' training in general adult nursing as a minimum qualification. As the request has been specially made by the French military authorities that young girls shall not be sent, the age of applicants considered most appropriate is from 28 to about 40. All members of the Corps must be recently vaccinated, and inoculated for enteric fever, and will be medically examined before their services can be accepted, and should be at liberty to remain in France for not less than six months if required. The Selection Committee will sit at 5, Nevcrn Square, S.W., on Monday and Tuesday next, from 2.30 to 6 p.m., and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will interview candidates on Thursday, 29th, Friday, 30th, and Saturday, 31st, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and give every information possible concerning the work.

Sister Haswell writes:—"We have been extraordinarily well received by the Military Authorities here, and we seem as though we really were beginning what may prove a very good bit of work. The Chef de Médecin told us in a charming speech that we had a great reputation to live up to."

Before us is an interesting photograph taken in the garden of St. Patrice Hospital, of the military medical officers, French ladies working for the wounded, Dr. Dundas Grant, Miss Ellison and the Nursing Staff. We hope to reproduce it next week.

The British people owe to Belgium and France a debt which our nurses feel honoured in helping to pay.

Our illustrations present a few devoted friends of the stricken soldiers of France.

### NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

In response to a letter received by the secretary from the Secrétaire Générale of the Association des Infirmières Visiteuses de France, two nurses who are generously giving their services have been sent over to Paris to help in nursing the sick poor in their own homes during the coming winter, when much illness and suffering is anticipated.

Before the outbreak of war a very complete system of district nursing had been inaugurated, each arrondissement having a "chef d'équipe," to whose address all cases of illness could be sent,

a staff of "dames visiteuses," which correspond to Personal Service Visitors, and a varying number of Infirmières Visiteuses, or district nurses, to whom all cases of illness were entrusted. Some of these had been sent over to be trained in England by the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, but on the outbreak of war almost the whole number were mobilised for the nursing of the wounded, as they belonged to the Croix Rouge, and as many of the hospitals usually available for the civil population are to be used for the wounded, the need for district nurses for the wives and children of the soldiers, and for the soldiers when discharged from hospital, as well as for the ordinary workpeople, will be needed more than ever.

The War Victims Relief Committee of the Society of Friends has already sent one Nurse, through the National Union of Trained Nurses, and hopes to send two more, making five in all, including the two for whom the funds were found by individual members of the N.U.T.N.

This Committee of the Society of Friends is also organising an expedition to send medical nursing, and sanitary help to the devastated country in France, and possibly, later, to Belgium. It is proposed to send ten nurses to begin with. Permission has now been received from the Military Authorities to proceed, and the expedition hopes to start very shortly. It will work in close co-operation with the Comité de Secours National and has been most gratefully accepted by the French Government. The nurses for this pioneer work are being selected by the N.U.T.N., which has also sent off a detachment of six nurses for the British Field Hospital for Belgium now working in France.

### TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL. NEGLIGIBLE QUANTITY.

DOCTOR to NURSE anxious to go to the Front:  
DOCTOR: Can you speak French?

NURSE: No.

DOCTOR: Or German?

NURSE: No.

DOCTOR: Have you been vaccinated?

NURSE: No.

DOCTOR: Have you been inoculated for typhoid?

NURSE: No.

DOCTOR (*impatiently*): Well, what qualifications have you got?

NURSE: A certificate for three years' training as a nurse.

DOCTOR (*dismissing applicant*): Very little use indeed.

The Tsaritsa and her daughters are devotedly working as sisters of mercy at the Tsarskoe Selo military hospital. No distinction is made between them and ordinary sisters. They are known as Sisters Alexandra, Olga, and Tatiana. The Tsar and Tsarevitch and the Imperial Grand Duchesses have been at the various hospitals several times, chatting with the wounded.

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