

Nursing this month criticises the lack of nursing standards required by the British Red Cross Society by those who wear its Badge, and adds, "A well organised Nursing Service for the Red Cross in time of peace is the only safe preparation for the proper care of the sick in time of War. Even from this country at the present time untrained women are going abroad under other agencies than the Red Cross, and it would seem that in order to protect the sick and wounded in the armies from amateur nursing there should be broader co-operation between Governments than now exists. The lure of war has just as great a fascination for women as it has for men, but the soldier must be properly enrolled and under proper supervision in order to fight, while anybody and everybody are still being allowed to care for those who are down and out."

NURSING IN FRANCE.

We learn that some very good work has been done at l'Hôpital Bristol, St. Malo, where medical cases are now being nursed, and also at the Hôpital Militaire du Château, Section Anglais, St. Malo, which takes surgical cases. The hospital is staffed with Bournemouth doctors, matron, and sisters. Sister Mapletoft, R.N.S., has also been working there, and remarks: "When first I came I had the tetanus ward, and in that disease one does see the most terrible results of war, but it is wonderful how many recover now with the spinal injection of serum. . . . The French are very nice to nurse, and so grateful for all that is done for them. The people here are most kind to us."

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

The Registered Nurses' Society Unit which went to Rouen in October and has since been working there at the Hotel Dieu Military Hospital, has been transferred to Bordeaux for service in the military hospital at Talence. One of the Sisters writes:—"I think this place will be charming when it is in working order, everybody is so kind and obliging. Our departure from Rouen was rather hurried. When the Medecin Chef sent for us and gave us the order to go to Bordeaux he made a charming speech and told us if we were not happy there he would ask for us to return to the Hotel Dieu, where they would always be glad to have us. Then one of the Surgeons made a speech, saying how he regretted our departure, and hoped for our return soon, he said we were 'quick, clean, and clever, and they had liked very much to know us.' We had sad scenes saying good-bye to les bonnes Soeurs, who all wept and were very upset, and said how hard it would be for them to do without us now. Then we had to go down to the Chef de Santé, where we had renewed flattering things said, and we left Rouen fearfully inflated with pride. . . . We arrived in Paris on Sunday in time for a wonderful service at Notre Dame, conducted by

the Archbishop of Paris and all the other high dignitaries of the Church. It was a consecration service blessing the Allied Arms and was most ornate and very impressive."

On Friday 18th inst. nine Nurses started off from London by boat for Bordeaux, six of whose names appeared in our last issue—Miss C. P. M. Tod, Supervisor of the National Union of Trained Nurses' Unit, was not able to go, but will follow at an early date. Miss Eden was present to wish *bon voyage* to her flock, and Miss M. Stuart Nairne, cert. St. George's Hospital, Miss A. M. Rogers, cert. Guy's Hospital, and Miss J. D. T. Robb, cert. Sheffield Union Infirmary, were also of the party. The good news is reported that there are many less wounded men in France, so that no more nurses will be sent out in the immediate future, with the exception of those already arranged for.

THE JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

NURSES' BRANCH.

The following nurse has been sent on active service from St. John's Gate, E.C., under the authority of the Joint War Committee:—

c.o. Dr. Dudley Wright, Yvөөot, Dieppe.—Miss M. M. Sharpin.

The following nurses have been supplied to Home Hospitals:—

Bury (Lancashire).—Miss E. Berry and Miss R. Radakin.

Haigh Hall, Wigan.—Miss J. Bemrose.

Thorncombe Military Hospital, Bramley.—Miss A. H. MacCormac.

Victoria Hall, Southborough.—Miss E. Pollard.

Brentford Park, near Richmond.—Miss A. W. Stol.

Froyle Court, Alton.—Miss F. B. Gully.

V.A.D. Hospital, Strood.—Miss Fyffe.

Broadwater Hospital, Ipswich.—Miss S. Foxe.

The following nurses have been sent to Military Auxiliary Hospitals from 83, Pall Mall, S.W.:—
Addington Park.—Miss E. Chumley and Miss E. Bly.

Tylnay Hall.—Miss Taite, Miss Wood and Miss O'Donoghue.

c.o. Miss Buller, Exeter.—Miss E. Dover-Jones.

c.o. Lady Dawson, Broadstairs.—Miss F. Orford.

Northlands Red Cross Hospital, Emsworth.—Miss E. Fyson.

Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate.—Miss M. Farrell.

Beaucraft Red Cross Hospital, Wimborne.—Miss L. Clarke.

On Saturday last, the King and Queen paid a visit to the "Barts" No. 1 London General Territorial Hospital, at St. Gabriel's College, Camberwell. Their Majesties were received by Colonel Tooth, Major Oswald, and Miss Cox-Davies (Principal Matron), and before leaving spoke in high praise of the arrangements and care of the patients.

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