

## FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

The Committee have elected about twenty more members of the Corps, and on Thursday, February 11th, the following nurses will leave London for Bordeaux, where they are now urgently required:—Miss R. M. Clark, cert. Miller Hospital, Greenwich; Miss L. H. Sim, cert. Borough Hospital, Birkenhead; Miss M. H. Griffith, cert. Salford Union Infirmary, Fever, Eastern Hospital, Homerton; Miss H. M. Chawkey, cert. Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne; Miss N. Burwood, cert. General Hospital, Merthyr Tydvil; Miss W. Lewis, cert. General Hospital, Merthyr Tydvil.

Two units will leave for Paris next week to replace nurses in the Rouen Region, sent to the War Zone. No. XV will have as Supervisor, Miss Isabel M. MacArthur, cert. Western Infirmary, Glasgow, Matron All Saints Hospital, London, and No. XVI will be in the charge of Miss C. Jex Blake, trained at St. Thomas Hospital, London. A certificated Masseuse will be attached to each of these units.

Mrs. Hutchinson has most kindly arranged that one of three *Matinées Musicales* which she is organising is to be given in support of the French Flag Nursing Corps. It will take place at the Boudoir Theatre, Pembroke Gardens, Kensington, on February 25th, at 3 p.m. Tickets, which are 5s. and 2s. 6d., can be obtained from Mrs. Hutchinson, 21, West Cromwell Road, S.W. Some delightful artistes are giving their services, and it is sure to be an enjoyable function.

Sister Lind, of the R.N.S., now with other members of the Society working at Berques, where the needs of the French sick and wounded are very urgent, writes:—"We had a very tiring journey here from Bordeaux, sleeping our last night in Calais in an old engine-room turned into a Belgian Red Cross Ambulance, where we lay on stretchers on the floor in a corner, and watched the wounded being brought in from the trains and being attended to. The Red Cross people were most kind to us, and we were very grateful for the shelter, our train from Paris being delayed, we arrived long after the hotels were shut. Any way, next day, after a few hours' wait in Dunkerque, we finally arrived here, very tired and dirty. . . . In the meantime we are all very well and happy to have found a good use for our services. . . ."

"We are now busy with three of the Guy's Unit nursing typhoid and other medical cases in an old school improvised into a hospital. I write to ask if you, or any of the Committee, could possibly send us any old linen, shirts, socks, old towels—in fact, anything at all usable for patients. There is a very insufficient supply of sheets, cotton shirts, and the roughest of small towels only, which are dreadful to use on men so ill, and we are really very handicapped with so little at our disposal, and this being a small town with few wealthy people, and typhoid cases never being so attractive to the public as wounded ones are, we do not

get any assistance from the town people. . . . In fact, there are not any conveniences of any kind."

This little town of Berques, so near the Belgian frontier, and so close to the fighting line, has no doubt suffered losses in many ways, and we feel sure we shall have a response to an appeal to kind friends to help the Sisters of the French Flag Nursing Corps to obtain the necessary comforts for their poor patients, of whom Sister Lind writes:—"The patients look terribly ill and exhausted, and I really wonder that any have recovered at all in the past with the lack of care and comfort, and we should all be most grateful for anything that could be sent."

Sister Cartwright, Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Society, will be pleased to receive gifts if sent to the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Things most urgently needed are sheets, draw-sheets, pillow-slips, towels (hand and bath), shirts, (cotton and flannel), socks, ward shoes, dressing-gowns, bed-jackets, body-belts, lint and old linen. We have received a parcel of beautiful mittens from Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, which will be sent to Berques. We are also notifying these needs to societies organised to help the French soldiers.

Miss C. P. M. Tod writes from Hôpital Militaire No. 25, Talence, Bordeaux:—"Newspapers are a godsend, especially the illustrated ones. The men love them. You need not stamp them unless they are overweight." Can any kind friends attend to this little want?

Miss F. A. Sparrow and three other members of the F.F.N.C. have been moved from Bordeaux to Bernay, to replace Miss Hanning's unit, gone to the front to nurse fever. She says, in writing to Miss Eden: "Everybody is extremely nice. They seem greatly to have appreciated the other French Flag nurses who were here before us." We reported the send-off of Miss Hanning and her unit last week; they have been especially successful in winning golden opinions from everyone with whom they worked. No doubt their successors will emulate their example.

A Matron in France writes:—"It is a mistake to think that any standard of surgical nursing will do for France. Here we have very clever surgeons, and they notice the nurses' hands and nails and watch the bandaging very critically." English nurses would do well to rub up their bandaging; many of them are far from expert in this art.

## JAPANESE NURSES IN PARIS.

The contingent of Japanese Red Cross doctors and nurses to work in France arrived in Paris last Sunday, and are to be on duty at the Hotel Astoria. The Japanese Mission has brought with it to France a hundred and forty tons of stores. The demure little nurses produced a very pleasing impression in the Champs Elysées. They all wear the order of the Crown on their breasts, and one of the head nurses, Mlle. Yuasa, has the medal of honour of the French Government for distinguished conduct in China.

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