

## FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Miss I. M. MacArthur, cert. Western Infirmary, Glasgow, Supervisor of Unit XIV, left London on Saturday last for France, accompanied by Miss L. H. Sim, who was unable to leave on the 11th inst. Miss Edith Wadsworth, R.N.S., cert. Royal Infirmary, Manchester, cert. I.S.T.M.; Miss M. Coats, cert. Ancoats Hospital, Manchester; Miss C. Perkins, Queen's Nurse, cert. Isleworth Infirmary, and Miss E. F. Nevill Parker, Masseur, cert. Swedish Institute and I.S.T.M.

The great hospital at Talence, Bordeaux, is now fully occupied and many very serious cases have been received, "all a lesson in patience," a Sister writes. The status of trained nurses is now beginning to be well understood, and "the doctors treat us with great respect," our correspondent adds.

The British Sisters, under the direction of Miss Haswell, are responsible for 700 beds; and Miss Gargan, the Supervisor of the Irish unit, has been indefatigable in helping her to get linen and other domestic details in order.

Miss C. Jex-Blake will be in charge of Unit XV., which will leave for France early next week. Mrs. Holgate, from New Zealand, will be one of this party; she came over full of compassion for Belgium, hoping to offer her services to its brave wounded soldiers, but this not being possible, she hopes to work with equal energy for the French. The New Zealand Sisters have done excellently well; they are practical women, who know how to meet and overcome difficulties.

Writing from Verneuil, Miss Hanning is enthusiastic about the splendid fighting qualities of the French soldiers. "I am proud to be nursing them," she writes. "Every one is very good to us here; we are living in a small cottage—bombed, but patched up for us. Miss Eaddy discovered a whole lot of German cartridges in the fire-place the day we arrived—lucky they were found before we lighted a fire." Clothing and comforts for the wounded are urgently needed, and Miss Hanning is to receive supplies.

## LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

## HELP URGENTLY NEEDED FOR OUR SICK ALLIES.

The following quotations from the letters of a Sister at Bergues will give some idea of the urgent need there has been, and still is, for all the practical help we can send to the sick and wounded of our Allies. The needs of the patients in Bergues having been brought to the notice of Sir Thomas and Lady Barclay, through Sisters of the French Flag Nursing Corps—eight of whom are battling in various hospitals with an overwhelming number of cases of typhoid, pneumonia, and diphtheria patients—help is to be given through the French Relief Fund, which has already donated £300 towards the good work being accomplished by this Corps.

The needs of Sister Lind, for which we appealed last week, have in some measure been relieved by friends from New Zealand, who have sent gifts of a practical nature through Mrs. Holgate, now in England, and others. Let us hope the linen and clothing dispatched have by now reached their destination, but much more is required.

On all sides we hear that the French soldiers, so grateful, so patient and heroic, are an example of what patriots should be, and we long by every means in our power to relieve their terrible sufferings. British nurses ministering to them are privileged indeed, and are in our opinion performing not only a humane but a loyal duty to our Allies. We are not in sympathy

with recalling British nurses from France.

## FROM BERGUES.

There seems to be such a lot to tell you I hardly know where to begin. We've just finished our first day on duty—*real* duty, and I can't go to bed without telling you something of our doings and surroundings. It is perfectly *wonderful* our being here, and we are all most happy in having got our heart's desire—*real* work where we are really needed.

Everybody has been so kind and nice to us and they gave us a hearty welcome everywhere. Rooms were very scarce so I had to be put in a



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