

is most sad is that there are no night nurses, and the patients have to be left to the French military orderlies, few of whom have any pretensions as to training. The work is very difficult also because the Caserne is so unsuited for hospital purposes, but the *Medecin-en-Chef* is a wonderful organiser, and in a short time has made many improvements.

Bedding is sadly needed; also pillows, pillow-cases, towels, and draw-sheets. In addition to enteric Miss Gregory is nursing diphtheria.

Writing from Dunkirk a Sister says:—"There are many women out here dressed in khaki and spats, attached to hospitals who appear to be having a thoroughly amusing time. It makes one very indignant, knowing as I do, how many people at home have denied themselves to help these hospitals. Our place is in better order than it was, but by no means surgically clean as it ought to be."

Miss Helen Douglas Irvine has sent from Servia a very interesting account of the experiences of the Scottish Hospital Unit sent out by the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, 14, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W., and now stationed at Kraguyevatz. The hospital, which is located in a building formerly a school, now contains nine wards and a theatre and dressing room. The unit went out prepared to organize a hospital of 100 beds but the need is so urgent that 150 beds were at once prepared, the Serbian Red Cross supplying the 50 extra beds, while Austrian prisoners act as orderlies

doing the unskilled part of the work. Now the hospital can take 250 patients.

The foremost need of the country is for physicians and trained nurses to deal with the severe outbreaks of fever which have occurred.

The unit have received much assistance from Miss Annie Christitch, a distinguished Serbian feminist and journalist. But all combine in thinking the Serbs as sympathetic and charming

as they are heroic. The Red Cross of the country not only lodges and feeds the patients, but provides a hostel for the staff with an ample house-keeping allowance.

There is urgent necessity for additional supplies from home and for a further contingent of first-rate nurses.

Miss Violetta Thurstan has received the ribbon and medal of St. George, in recognition of her services to the Russian wounded. Having recovered from her wound, she is again attached to the Flying Column. She writes:—

"There has been a tremendous battle and they are tremendously busy. We have been so slack lately; of course, there can't be battles every day! The base hospitals are very nice and picturesque; very good work is done there. But here we are at the bed-rock of things, and it is not pretty. I am so glad to be back; the soldiers are so wonderfully



MISS VIOLETTA THURSTAN,
MEDAL OF ST. GEORGE.

patient and uncomplaining."

The latest news of Miss Thurstan, received at St. John's Gate, is that she is returning home shortly.

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