

### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

We are pleased to know that the French doctors at the Hôtel Dieu, Rouen, have written to the Minister that the R.N.S. unit were "quick, clean, clever, tactful, and thoroughly reliable, and if not wanted at Bordeaux, they are to return at once to Rouen," and that they are to be replaced by other English nurses. When these nurses left the Hôtel Dieu the German patients (prisoners) presented Sister Lind and Sister Gill with a magnificent bouquet of flowers, and the German officer made a speech. Sister Lind asked that the flowers might be placed on the altar, the Head Sister was deeply moved by this kindly thought, and wept

was great cheering for the English Sisters, who were all invited on to the platform to help sing "God Save the King." Thus the *entente* establishes itself—passing from sentiment to reality!

Echoes of Christmas come from France to prove that slowly yet surely the relations between the French Flag Nursing Corps and their patients are making for the *entente cordiale*, and this is the heartfelt wish of the committee on this side, and those kindly helping its work in France.

The photograph of Sister Simpson, of one of the Scottish Units, working at Le Havre, shows her at work. It was taken by request of the patient, who is being dressed, who is suffering from two



SISTERS CARMICHAEL AND RAWLINS, F.F.N.C., AND SOME OF THEIR PATIENTS AT ROUEN.

in acceding to the suggestion. An observer writes: "The nurses thought they were doing little in this old military hospital, but they did most excellent work by example, and those who succeed them will have a great reputation to live up to."

In the accompanying picture are seen Sister Rawlins and Sister Carmichael, R.N.S., with some of their patients, taken before leaving Rouen. They are now at Bordeaux. After a recent concert given at the hospital, where lovely singing was greatly enjoyed (as some of the soldiers belong to the Paris Operatic Company), there

shrapnel wounds in his back, one in his arm, and a bullet wound in his leg. A colleague writes:—"Sister Simpson was off duty with a bad throat for a week and nobody could dress this patient to his satisfaction. When she returned he told her he could sleep now, as he knew his wounds would be well looked after. We all had a pleasant Christmas Day, though the arrival of a number of wounded made some of the wards very busy."

From Bernay a Supervisor writes:—"I must tell you about our Christmas. The patients greatly enjoyed themselves. I inspired them with the idea of decorating the wards and when I saw

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