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## A NURSING PIONEER IN FRANCE.

Dr. Anna Hamilton, of the Maison de Santé Protestante, Bordeaux, whose historic Thesis on Nursing a few years ago awoke Nightingale standards in France, has expressed her pleasure with, and interest in, the work which it is proposed the French Flag Nursing Corps shall do at the Talence Hospital, Bordeaux. Incidentally Dr. Hamilton's great work for nursing in Bordeaux has had much to do with the decision of Dr. Martin Dumagny to try the experiment of placing the nursing in the new pavilions Frenchwomen, so our English nurses must do all in their power by their amiable conduct, as well as by their skill, to prove how indispensable is their *métier* in the recovery of the gallant soldiers of France.

Dr. Anna Hamilton has, of course, since the early days of the war being rendering devoted service to the wounded; 80 beds in her hospital are in constant use by wounded soldiers, and many of the worst cases are being sent to her. Their sufferings have been heartrending, yet borne with splendid courage. These men express themselves as deeply grateful for the skilled care and devotion of the nursing staff,



DR. ANNA HAMILTON AND NURSING STAFF IN SOLDIERS WARD, MAISON DE SANTÉ PROTESTANTE, BORDEAUX.

at Talence in the hands of thoroughly trained English nurses. Dr. Dumagny presided last June at the final examinations of the nurses trained at the Maison de Santé Protestante, and was deeply impressed with professional lady nurses, and he is now pleased that he will have an opportunity of showing by this experiment what real nurses are. It is to be regretted that the intelligent action of the French Government in employing English nurses has given umbrage to certain Red Cross ladies. This is not unnatural, if we realize the patriotism of directed by Dr. Anna Hamilton. Our picture, taken by a patient in a ward of soldiers, shows one knitting a scarf for himself, an art they are taught when their condition necessitates long convalescence in bed.

We have none of us forgotten charming Madame Kriegk, who was with us in our Paris and London Congresses, and who was the mother of delightful twin boys when we met her at Bordeaux. Now these two gallant young men are soldiers fighting for France, let us wish them as conquering heroes a happy



