seemed so wonderful to hear her call a sufferer by name and say a few words of comfort to him. A look of almost adoration spread from face to face as she passed along. They all love the 'Sestras Americana.' I said to Miss Gladwin that we had all read the wonderful experiences of Florence Nightingale in Scutari, not so very far away; but we are privileged, in a small measure, to realise some of them here in Serbia.'' The writer of the above paragraph has now recently returned to Serbia with large quantities of supplies, the money for which she raised in the United States.

Trained nurses are of all women the most privileged in war, because it is their duty to care for all sick and wounded men irrespective of nationality, or of whether they are friends or enemies. work. They are equipped for that only, and are staffed by surgeons. We went there for field ambulance duties, but in the end turned our attention to the typhus, a step which was also taken by Lady Paget's unit and the Scottish unit. But all of us have sadly lacked the medical requisites for this work.

"The work of grappling with typhus has been a wonderful experience for me, but it has been very heart-breaking. Conditions were all against us in every way. The authorities, who did their best for us, found the accommodation, but immediately dumped more patients into the buildings than they had any room for, and, of course, the nursing and medical personnel throughout Serbia is entirely inadequate for requirements.

"I do wish the typhus could be treated under



GERMAN NURSES WRITING A LETTER FOR A WOUNDED BRITISH OFFICER.

We know British nurses have nursed German soldiers with scrupulous care, and we feel sure Sister Agnes Karll and her band of German Sisters would do all in their power to relieve the suffering of our brave men if they were placed in their care. Happily, Hymns of Hate are not for us. Let us rejoice that there is no nationality in nursing, although, of course, nursing an enemy is a duty and not a pleasure.

Sister Allender, formerly of the Melbourne Hospital, who has returned to London from Serbia, where she has been nursing typhus-stricken soldiers, told the *British Australasian* that:—

"The trouble is that nearly all the units doing hospital work in Serbia went there for surgical

decent conditions. I am quite certain that something could be done in the direction of discovering a serum with which to treat it. Up to the present, however, they have not even definitely determined the source of infection, though the generally accepted idea is that the inoculation is through vermin.

7' On my way back to London the authorities of the Australian Hospital at Boulogne were good enough to let me stay there for a couple of days. I had visited the A.V.H. on two occasions before. Oh, it was a delight to see the conditions there after my experiences in Serbia; the place was a paradise by comparison. It seems to me to be perfectly equipped, splendidly run, and spotlessly clean. If they could only have a dozen hospitals like that in Serbia!" previous page next page