

we have received letters from nurses at Cape Town, and Rochester, New York, wishing to join the Corps, and papers and forms have been sent to these patriotic volunteers. Members of the South African Military Nursing Service think that the German South-West Campaign may soon be brought to a successful issue, when their services will be at the disposal of those suffering in Europe. From the United States an English nurse writes: "I have, after three years' training, successfully passed every examination required by the training school and the State, receiving a certificate from each. I could be ready to leave for England on hearing from you. . . . I am an English girl with friends and relations fighting at the front, and now that I am free to plan my future the desire to return is intense, and I feel that America can't hold me any longer. . . . I am willing to work anywhere, and will pay my expenses to London." Enquiries are being made, and if all is in order we hope this nurse will soon be a member of the Corps.

Of the unit which left London on the 12th inst., Sister M. Maxwell has gone to Lisieux, Sister Dykes to Besançon, Sister Maize to Epernay, and Sisters Sheard, Moggach, Bulley and Bleakley to Talence, Bordeaux.

### THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The King and Queen have been entertaining wounded officers to tea in the lovely gardens of Buckingham Palace, and visiting the hospitals. Princes' Club Hospital, 106, Jamaica Road, was honoured by a visit last week. Queen Alexandra has been to see King George Hospital, where there has been a large intake, and where everyone is very busy.

A public meeting has been held in Bethnal Green Town Hall for the purpose of considering what steps could be taken to provide extra comforts and amusements for wounded soldiers and sailors, as it is now a military hospital of 800 beds. The Mayor insisted that it was the duty of those who could not take up arms to do what they could to relieve the strain and suffering of the brave fellows who were fighting our battles. We feel sure generous support for extra comforts will be forthcoming.

Lieut.-Colonel Wilson, M.P. for Reading, has forwarded £100 (his quarterly salary as member) to the Mayor of Reading's Fund for providing comforts for the wounded at the Reading War Hospital.

The secretary of the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, has received a letter from the secretary of the Caledonian Railway enclosing a cheque for £250 as a donation from the company towards the funds of the infirmary in recognition

of the care and attention bestowed upon the injured in the recent disaster at Quintin's Hill.

A very large number of hospitals have now been organised in France by various societies in England. The Anglo-French Hospitals Committee have several, and the Wounded Allies Relief Fund are responsible for the upkeep of hospitals at Limoges and Dieppe; these two hospitals together treat an average of 300 cases weekly.

The official pattern of respirator has been obtained by the Three Arts Workroom, 26, Somerset Street, Baker Street, W., and private orders for these can now be fulfilled. These workrooms which employ 80 workers of the artistic professions (music, art and drama), who have been deprived of their normal means of livelihood by the war, are entirely dependent on the orders they receive.

Relations of the gallant British soldiers who fell at the time of the battle of Mons will hear gratefully that a small committee is seeking and taking care of their graves. This committee is composed of Mr. Georges Pitsch, the well-known violoncellist, Baron and Baronne Edouard de Crombrugghe de Loringhe, and M. Deschamp. As it finds the lonely resting-places of the heroes, the committee marks them and adorns them with flowers, and will tend them till the day when the families of the dead are able to take this pious task into their own hands.

M. Emile Cammaerts pays a fine tribute to the late Mme. Depage, whose loss English nurses so sincerely mourns, when he writes in part:—

"Among those of the *Lusitania* who found at last a rest under the waves, out of the Kaiser's reach, there is a frail and strong woman—frail of body, strong of soul—Mme. Depage, the wife of the great Belgian surgeon, who directs our field-hospitals near the front.

"Every Englishman, every Englishwoman, who helped the Belgian Red Cross in these parts had learnt to know her. Hers was a face not easily to be forgotten—eager and smiling, pale with ten months of hard work in ambulances. She was so typically the nurse, the lay nun who has renounced all the amenities of life, by some solemn, sacred vow, to devote herself entirely to the care of the wounded.

It is officially reported that cholera is raging in Vienna.

### LEAGUE NEWS.

The Nurses' League of the Leicester Royal Infirmary held its Annual Meeting at the Nurses' Home on Tuesday, June 8th. There was a very good attendance at the Business Meeting, many of the nurses from the military hospitals (5th Northern General, T.F.) being present in their bright uniforms. The President, Miss Rogers, was in the chair, and members representing the

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