

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

The following Sisters will leave for France on Saturday, November 13th:—Miss J. Torrance Ramsay, cert. Montreal Hospital, Superintendent of Nurses, Columbia Hospital, S. Carolina; Miss Alice C. Morgan, cert. Bethnal Green Infirmary, Assist. Matron, Selly Oak Infirmary, Birmingham; Miss Edythe Hayes, cert. West Ham Infirmary, Sister, County of London War Hospital; Miss Rachel W. Kirkland, cert. Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, Sister, County of London War Hospital; Miss Margaret F. Nichol, cert. Galloway Royal Infirmary, Dumfries; Miss Edith D. Burgess, cert. Edmonton Infirmary, British Farmers' Hospital, Belgrade, Serbia; Miss Florence Shoreing, cert. Hillingdon and Middlesex Infirmary, British Farmers' Hospital, Belgrade, Serbia; Miss Margaret T. Fotheringham, cert. Leith General Hospital, Scottish Women's Hospital, Kragujevatz, Serbia.

Miss Ellison has recently made a tour to the front and our pictures show her leaving Port-à-Binson in the Government car, and as the guest of the famous Sister Julie, and members of the Society of Friends at the Hospice in Gerbéviller, so terribly bombarded by the Germans, and now a mass of ruins. Miss Ellison was most honourably received by the medical officers where the F.F.N.C. Sisters are at work, and luncheons were given in her honour. Also accompanied by the Matron-in-Chief, Miss Haswell, she recently motored on business to Evreux, Lisieux and Rouen; in the latter city they were the guests of the head of the Service de Santé of the 3rd Region.

We have to thank Mrs. Ellison, Miss Ellison's mother, for a cheque for £10 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Gill, the mother of Sister Gill for £6 10s.; and Mrs. Alex. Holmes, a friend in Mafeking of Sister Horan, for £6 10s. 6d. It gives the Committee special pleasure that the friends of the Sisters help to support the work to which they bring so much devotion.

From all the Sisters come requests for ward and warm comforts for their patients. They are now working in 17 hospitals. We have pleasure in announcing that Miss H. Hawkins, herself an experienced nurse and P.L.G., has kindly consented to sort and pack hospital clothing and comforts for the French sick and wounded soldiers, addressed to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. This week large bales have been sent off through the kindness of the *Croix Rouge Française de Londres*, and each week we hope to be able to supply gifts. We greatly need socks, flannel shirts, pyjamas, mufflers, mittens, knitted waistcoats, dressing gowns and hot water bottles. Monkey Brand and Vim are also most gratefully received.

Gifts in kind are equally welcome and benefit the patients. The French Red Cross Fund in

Hobart, has through the kind offices of Mrs. Cardew of Paris, shipped a most magnificent gift of hospital requirements and medical stores to the F.F.N.C. in Paris, consisting of flannel, slippers, scarves, socks, mittens, towels, handkerchiefs, shirts, caps, pillow cases, pencils, envelopes, writing paper, books, postcards, playing cards, writing pads, bandages, thermometers, lint, cotton wool, old linen, butter muslin, safety pins, adhesive plaster, sponges, face washers, tooth paste, periscopes, marmite, cocoa, sweets, Bovril, marmalade, coffee essence, cornflour, biscuits, soap, shaving soap, tea, Lifebuoy soap, tobacco, cigarettes, condensed milk, Sunlight soap, camphor, and Bengers' food. Immense quantities of each item have been consigned, and it sounds like a shop having to be set up at Headquarters. Everything will be welcome, we have no doubt, and can easily be disposed of.

A Sister writes:—"We have had the biggest rush we have had yet. On the 23rd October, 277 men, suffering from poisoned gas were admitted after a few hours' notice. It was quite the worst experience we have had during the months we have been here. Nothing can describe the scene, one must be there to realise the horror of seeing men in the pitiable condition they were in, all more or less fighting for breath, with faces blue, and eyes staring out of their heads, some begging to be put out of their agony. Unfortunately the journey in the motor ambulances had proved too much for some of them, and they were either found dead in the ambulances or died before they could be put to bed. As the stretchers kept coming in one after another we could but take them for treatment as they came in and see to the worst cases. We lost fifteen the first night, and ten the next and gradually the number was increased to twenty-four. There are still many in a critical condition. It has been a most sad and trying experience—may the world be saved from Germany and her Kultur! The American Relief Society came to our aid splendidly, and made the ambulance a magnificent present of 50 blankets, 50 quilts, and they have since sent us a large bale of comforts and dressings, large numbers of socks, flannel shirts, pyjamas, all of which we very sorely needed, as all the asphyxiated men lost all they possessed, having left all their change of clothing on the battle field, and the ambulance does not provide clothing except what we have through the kindness of friends, but unfortunately, our stock was short and we could not run to sufficient socks and shirts for all, so that some of the men who left us three days ago went without socks and in just summer shirts. Contributions of warm clothing are still badly needed here and will be most gratefully received. As there are not so many ambulances along this front this winter as last, there is likelihood of more work."

A great deal of "heart" had been put into the Massage Clinique at the Ecole Professionnelle Evreux, by the Sisters working there, and when

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