

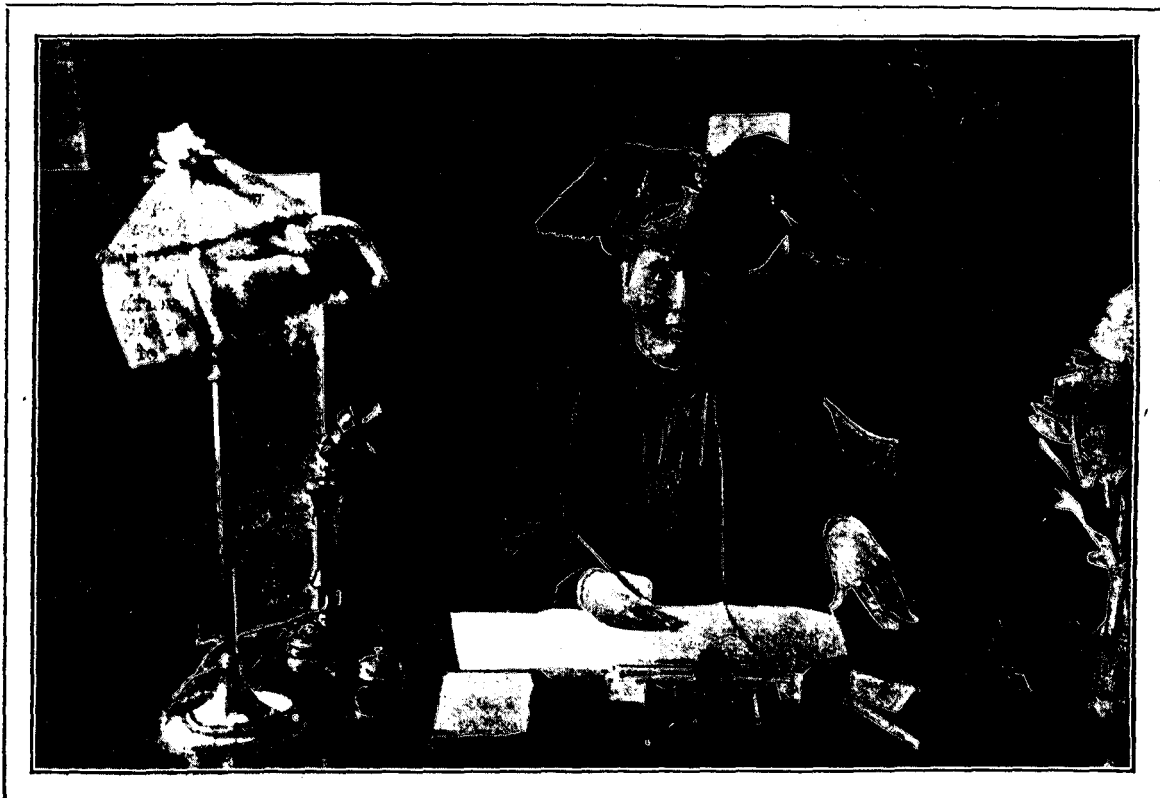
FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Those who are acquainted with Mme. La Vicomtesse de la Panouse, the charming wife of the Military Attaché at the French Embassy in London will realise the good fortune of the Committee of the French Flag Nursing Corps in securing her as its President. Heart and soul devoted to the welfare of her beloved country, she holds in her hands, as President of the British Branch of the French Croix Rouge, the threads of many agencies for the relief both of the sick and wounded, of the refugees, and, as far as

see her, the method, charm, ability, and despatch with which she deals with all. Every member of the F.F.N.C. will be delighted to receive, through this journal, the portrait of Mme. de la Panouse, which we publish on this page.

A large department of the work at 9, Knightsbridge deals with stores and hospital comforts, which are sent to hospitals of the French Croix Rouge, and others near the front, and before she accepted the Presidency of the French Flag Nursing Corps the Vicomtesse was acquainted with its work, for she had despatched many things to hospitals in which the Sisters are working which have added greatly to the comfort of the patients, and eased the work of the little band of



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possible, of all who, in this devastating war, are suffering and in distress. The fine organisation of the British Branch, which helps equally the three societies of the French Red Cross, of which she is the life and soul, is proof of her ability, zeal, and sympathy.

To see Mme. de la Panouse in her office at headquarters at No. 9, Knightsbridge, S.W., with her staff of courteous and able assistants, amongst whom must be mentioned her own daughter, is to realise something of the amount of work she accomplishes, and notwithstanding the numerous people, on the most diverse errands, waiting to

British Sisters working in French Military Hospitals close to the firing line, where equipment and comforts are often scanty, and yet, from the class of cases received, no hospitals stand in greater need of a sufficiency of both.

Mme. de la Panouse states that she has received many charming letters of thanks from F.F.N.C. Sisters for the help thus sent, and mentioned emphatically that the work of the nurses of the Corps is even more far-reaching than the care of the sick and wounded, invaluable though that is, for they are helping to consolidate the good relations which bind French and English, and to

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