

were wounded English soldiers lying in the straw, their wounds gaping red, but dry, showing they had been exposed for days.

"I pushed my way through them and gazed into their faces, and to my horror they were covered with spittle and filth, and for a moment I completely lost my head and made for the nearest officer.

"'You brute,' I exclaimed, 'the wounded are sacred throughout the world. How dare you allow your men to behave like that to these heroic Englishmen?'

"He looked down furiously at me through his eyeglass, but he saw that I was in earnest and I continued to plead for them.

"'Remember you are speaking to a German officer,' he said.

"'Remember that the wounded are sacred of whatever nationality they are,' I replied.

"He did not like it, but he stopped his men, and with that I was allowed to get near the two Tommies, who were lying beside their dead comrade. I wiped their poor faces, and never while I live will I forget the look of gratitude in their poor eyes as they kissed my hand. I do not know their names, and they died next day at Aachen, but I swore within myself, 'Some day that deed of German brutality will ring through England.'"

Miss Hancox, the Superintendent of the Queen's Nurses at Sheffield, whose able management was recently referred to in these columns, had on the staff three Dutch nurses when War broke out who have been specially valuable in dealing with Belgians who have come under the care of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Association Nurses in Sheffield, for they have been overjoyed to find themselves in the hands of those who could speak Flemish. One of the nurses was temporarily incapacitated by an accident, and the other two who had been "caught by the prevailing and very natural desire to don the little scarlet-edged cape, which is a distinguishing badge of the military nurse," withdrew their applications at the War Office, in acknowledgment of the kindness shown by the Association to their colleague. "As they can speak two or three languages, there is no doubt," said Miss Hancox, "that they would have been snapped up by the War Office."

The question of the employment of nurses belonging to neutral nations in military nursing is one which has caused considerable discussion. In our opinion, no neutral nurses should be

employed, in this war, in military hospitals at the Front. We believe that our French Allies have a rule that neutrals are not permitted to work in the War zone, and we think this attitude is the right one, though it may be hard on some of our friends.

A letter was read from Nurse Harvey at the last meeting of the Darlington Board of Guardians thanking the Board for the handsome gratuity granted by the Board for her services during the past year in nursing wounded soldiers. She also thanked the Board for granting her special leave from her duties to go out to France and do nursing on active service

The formation of a Sisterhood in New Zealand called the New Zealand Volunteer Sisters, is evidence of the desire of women in the Dominion to assist at this crisis; but we are not so sure that

the movement is well conceived. The object is to organize bodies of sensible, intelligent women to go abroad to nurse and tend the sick and wounded, and so far the supply of trained nurses has not fallen short. The Volunteer Sisters are asked "to give up one year of their life for practically no payment at all, for the good of their race and nation." But the payment actually to be provided is (1) Maintenance, (2) uniform, (3) transport to Egypt or elsewhere, (4) insurance against illness, accident and death, (5) a personal allowance of 10s. per week. These emoluments cannot be reckoned at a less rate than £130-£140 per annum, which must be considered full value for untrained workers, and many

highly trained women do not earn more.

We were told not long since by an experienced nurse from one of our Overseas Dominions, that when she was selected for active service there were 1,500 fully trained nurses desirous to obtain the appointment. If expert nurses are still available in these numbers, why bring untrained and unseasoned workers from the Antipodes?

Messrs. Boots, chemists, whose establishments in London and throughout the country are well known to and very popular with nurses, publish an admirable illustrated booklet "On Active Service," giving information as to the many useful specialities they supply in this connection. Nurses visiting these establishments should ask for "Toxol" manufactured by Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., an all-British Antiseptic which is found in use to be most satisfactory.



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