

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

At a recent meeting of the Committee, a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick expressing the appreciation of the Committee was passed unanimously, to all those members of the Corps who had completed a year's service in France, and had proved by their tact and devotion the possession of the true nurselike spirit in their performance of duties sometimes under very difficult circumstances. A copy of the Resolution has been sent to each of the Sisters concerned.

A Sister, in thanking us for a copy of the Report, writes: "We felt quite delighted when we read all the nice things written about us in the Report. Of course one does not look for praise, but it is nice to know that our Committee realises that we have done our best to overcome difficulties not to be encountered in our regular Army Services. But I, for one, just love doing a bit of pioneer work, and I can honestly say I have been most happy and fortunate since I came to France. Coming into touch with French people in this time so terrible and heartrending for them, when their dear country which they love so devotedly is devastated, their people impoverished, and all they love wrenched from them, is a lesson in courage I could have learned under no other circumstances. As for the gratitude, simplicity, and sweetness of the sick and wounded French soldiers—nothing can exceed the nobleness of these brave men. I hope I may stay and help them to the very end of the war. I am deeply sensible of the initiative of Miss Ellison, and the splendid organization of our Committee which has made it possible for British nurses to take part in this really patriotic bit of work. It will be something to remember in days to come for which I shall be ever grateful."

Miss Florence Burn, Supervisor, French Flag Nursing Corps, at Hôpital Temporaire B, Steenwoorde, near Hazebrouck, was decorated recently with a bronze medal, awarded to her by the French Government for her services in nursing infectious diseases. Many of the Sisters have worked most devotedly in the contagious blocks of French Military hospitals, and have greatly enjoyed this wide scope for usefulness. In the majority of

these blocks the Red Cross ladies are conspicuous by their absence, so that the most interesting medical cases, the majority of whom have made excellent recoveries, have been left to the care of trained nurses.

The General commanding the 18th Region recently paid a visit to Talence. The Matron was introduced to him by the Med. Chef, and he was taken to the Sisters' Salon where a French class was proceeding. M. Léon Baylet, Professor of French at the Lycée de Bordeaux, was engaged giving this lesson. He teaches on the Delmas system, by pictures and making the grammar himself as the conversation progresses. The Professor was presented to the General, and there were complimentary speeches exchanged. M. Baylet recently invited his pupils to meet

him at the Museum in Bordeaux where there are most interesting relics of the past history of the city—which has always had close connection with Great Britain, and quite a numerous British Colony.



MISS FLORENCE BURN,
SUPERVISOR, F.F.N.C.

GIFTS RECEIVED.

Miss Gregory, Directrice, Talence Hospital, acknowledges the following gifts:—

From Anaesthetic Emergency Fund: 6 cases containing drugs and dressings, costing £53.

From Sick and Wounded Soldiers' Fund, F.F.N.C. Committee: 1 case containing 8 rubber hot water bottles, 12 feeders, 12 thermometers. 1 bale containing 8 pillows, 17 pairs shoes, 11 towels, 6 bags, fly covers, linen.

Marylebone War Supply Depot: 2 cases containing roller and many tail band-

ages, 30 bed jackets, 24 day shirts, 1 night shirt, 100 handkerchiefs, 21 pairs socks, 26 bed socks, 10 hot water bottle covers, splints, splint pads.

From Madame de la Panouse, British Branch Croix Rouge Française: 50 dressing gowns, 100 flannelette shirts, 300 pairs socks, 200 handkerchiefs, 100 towels, 100 undershirts (vests).

The following consignment has been most kindly sent by the War Depot, Aberdeen:— 20 pneumonia jackets, 40 fomentation pads, 10 wringers, 160 many-tailed bandages, 40 T bandages, 500 roller bandages, 25 wash cloths, 16 large pillows, 13 small pillows, and 7 pillows. These have been sent to Caen, Verneuil and Toul. We have to thank many other friends for gifts which we hope to get packed off at an early date.

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