

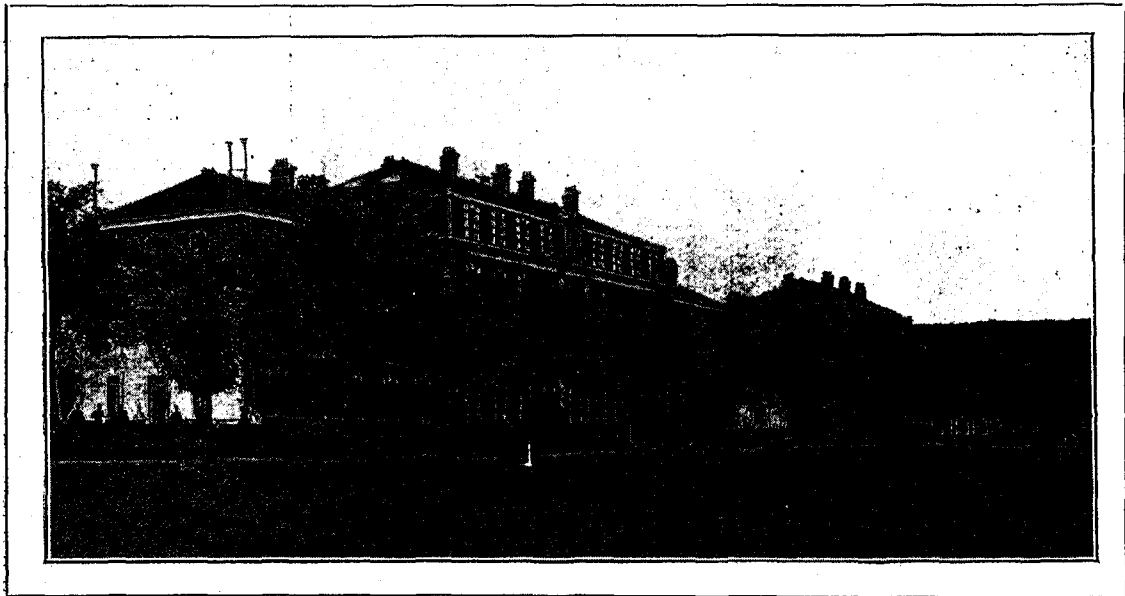
FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

The "Cake Shower" was quite a success. Eight competitors sent beautiful cakes, and the prize of 5s. was divided between Miss Boge, Superintendent Q.V.J. District Nurses' Home, Shoreditch, who brought a beautifully iced cake made by herself, decorated with a bunch of pink and white carnations, with angelica stalks, and tied with green ribbons. On a miniature French flag was inscribed "From the Shoreditch Queen's Nurses." The second prize cake was given by Miss M. Harvey, R.N.S.; it was iced, and in national colours the British and French flags were realistically presented. This cake was dedicated "*Pour nos sœurs de F.F.N.C.*" A beautiful "Bristol Cake" was sent anonymously, and others were received from Miss Hessee, Miss Breay,

most useful parcel—24 pairs socks, 4 shirts, 1 nightshirt, 3 vests, 3 bed-jackets (greatly in demand), 2 pairs slippers, 4 operation socks, 1 body belt, 1 knitted waistcoat, 2 scarves, and 2 pairs mittens.

Nerves are now in a high state of efficiency, and apparently well under control. A Sister writes from the war zone: "I see in the papers that it is reported that F. was bombarded, but it is not true. We only had a Taube dropping bombs on us on Monday night and Tuesday morning, and fortunately no one was hurt." We like that *only*.

Presents intended for Christmas arrived at Talence in time for distribution on St. Valentine's Day. Better late than never, and don't let us forget France is at deadly war and needs all her



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Miss Metherell, R.N.S., and Misses Thompson and Scudamore, and Mrs. Scroggie, Birkenhead, also sent 2s. 6d. to buy a cake. Miss Hawkins kindly packed the consignment addressed to Miss Ellison, and Miss Brockie took charge of the box, so we may hope it arrived safely at headquarters in Paris. By and by, when we are less busy over the Registration question, we hope to have some other interesting "Showers" for the F.F.N.C.

Generous consignments of comforts keep arriving at the office. Mrs. Alfred Paine, of Bedford, has sent us another present of slippers, which are always most welcome, and as the Sisters are now nursing at two new centres in the war zone, we are anxious to gather together good bales of useful articles for their use. We have to thank the Women's Emergency Corps, Bournemouth Branch, for a

transport for troops, munitions and food. A little package was made up for each of the 460 patients, and the distribution in the form of a lottery took place after the patients' evening meal. By the kindness of the Marquise de Vivier and other friends café noir and cigarettes (which the soldiers love) were provided, and an improvised concert given in the corridor, at which the chief items were violin solos by a patient who is a professional musician. Sister Joyce sang charmingly, "Tipperary" was given with chorus, and many other patriotic items. Sister Jefferys was a skilful and sympathetic accompanist on the piano. "God save the King" and the "Marseillaise," of course, were encored. "We are not only helping by nursing but by social amenities," as a wise member of the Corps remarked when recently at home on holiday.

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