

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

The Committee of the F.F.N.C. are most grateful to the Rev. S. R. Jenkins, B.A., of Seaforth, for his efforts in arranging meetings in the Liverpool District for Miss Grace Ellison, his sister-in-law. Mr. Jenkins is one of the busiest ministers in Liverpool. In addition to his pastoral charge at Seaforth, he is the President of the Federation of Brotherhoods, is Editor of the *Congregational Magazine*, and is chaplain to His Majesty's Forces.

In all he has arranged twelve meetings. The first of the series was held at the charming home of Mrs. Walter Lloyd, Sefton Park, when the Rev. Alex. Connell, M.A., B.D., who was President of the National Free Church Federation two years ago, presided. The collection realised £38.

Miss Grace Ellison is appearing in a new character as a public speaker, we know she has a facile pen, and a persuasive personality, and we hear she is to be greatly congratulated upon the feeling and charming manner in which she tells the story of the French Flag Nursing Corps, without lurid exaggerations which when adopted from the platform are apt to be very offensive to those for whom the appeal is made. Miss Ellison will be in London early in May, and is to speak at the Indian Empire Club at a meeting which is being organized by Mrs. Murray, the chairman of the Committee.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has proposed a "Joan of Arc" Flag Day in support of the F.F.N.C., as it appears most appropriate that the members of the Corps who are officers of the French Army, should invoke the help of the great French military saint, in support of their work for French wounded. Mrs. Fenwick will be pleased to hear from any nurses who are willing to give a helping hand with "Joan of Arc" Day.

We beg to thank the Sisters who so kindly sent us Easter cards and greetings. It is a great satisfaction to know what steady progress in French favour the work of the Corps has made, thanks to the devoted sympathy of so many of the Sisters.

We have to thank Mrs. Lyon, of Corrie Lodge, Locherbie for more useful gifts, 12 pairs of beautifully knitted socks from poor women living on the estate, and face washing cloths, knitted by the small son of the house, aged seven. We have kept note of this, and hope the Sister who receives them will make a point of telling the patients who use them of the interest of this little boy in their comfort. The French appreciate these little personal touches.

Two of the Canadian Unit are working at Rousbrugge, and until recently have been very busy and have found their work intensely interesting. We learn the wards are very well equipped for a field hospital, and the patients are all wonderfully cared for. One Sister writes:— "We have had some very distinguished visitors

during the past month: First, the King of the Belgians came to see a French General who had been wounded, and a few days ago the Queen made a very thorough inspection of the hospital, and expressed herself as being very well pleased with all the arrangements. She was most charming and gracious and I was fortunate enough to have a second conversation with her in our Salon, and she spoke so kindly of our brave Canadian soldiers. . . . We have all been interested in the struggle with the Nursing College scheme, and in fact with all that is connected with your splendid journal. I am glad to see in this week's issue that Miss Ellison was speaking in support of the F.F.N.C."

A gift of 20 mattresses having been received by Miss McMurrich at Rousbrugge, she wrote us: "I wish you could have seen the delight of the patients, . . . if you know of any one who would be willing to give 20 more for another ward it would be a gold mine indeed, the measurements are 72 in. by 30 in." In reply to an enquiry as to what was most urgently required in the hospital, Miss McMurrich asked for rubber rings, rubber gloves, small pillows, and covers about 9 inches in length, gauze bandages, 2½, 3, 4, and 6 inches wide; safety pins all sizes, note paper and envelopes for patients, fine tooth combs, glass hypodermic syringes, sizes 2, 5, or 10 centimeter cubes, and aluminium hypodermic needles large enough for giving camphor oil.

We forwarded this letter to the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, the President of the Corps, and have received the kind reply: "Ci-joint la lettre que je devais vous renvoyer. Nous avons adressé 20 matelas et les autres choses qu'elle demandait à la Nurse que vous nous avez indiqués." A little gold mine indeed.

A second unit of six Canadian nurses for the F.F.N.C. will arrive in London next month, and will cross to France as soon as the innumerable formalities have been complied with.

"IN THE HIGH CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND HONOUR."

The first anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Contingents in Gallipoli was celebrated in London and through the Dominions on Tuesday last. Men who had formed part of these contingents who marched through the streets of the Metropolis were enthusiastically acclaimed, especially by the mothers in the crowd, and by trained nurses at Charing Cross and Westminster Hospitals. In the service in Westminster Abbey, at which the King and Queen were present, the names of the forces that effected the landing were recited by the Dean who invited the great congregation to unite in praise and thanksgiving for those of their number who died at Gallipoli for their King and Empire in the high cause of Freedom and Honour. Seven seats were assigned in the Abbey to members of the Australian Army Nursing Service who were thus able to take part in honouring "all these who fought most valiantly."

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