

his family since the War began. He feared his wife and children were in the hands of the Germans.

Some of the nurses had adopted French soldiers, and sent them cakes of soap, pyjamas, and so on, and wrote to them in the place of their mothers. The almost Divine respect in which a Frenchman held his mother was a beautiful thing. Miss Ellison told the story of a dying French soldier who mistook her for his mother, which brought tears to many eyes.

The statue of Joan of Arc at Rheims was, said Miss Ellison untouched, though the Germans had turned their siege guns upon it. It stood as a symbol of invincible France.

In the little chapel at Gerbèville, the Germans threw beer bottles at the altar, fired at the face of the Christ, and riddled the tabernacle above the altar.

At Bergues the nurses of the F.F.N.C. took over a hospital filled with delirious typhoid patients, they had no water, and little equipment. In a few weeks they had transformed it into a model fever hospital, then the Germans shelled the hospital, and the nurses, under shell fire, carried their patients to the cellars.

The French were using canal barges to convey the wounded and hoped to increase the service this summer. The Sisters thoroughly enjoyed this work.

Miss Ellison told how on one occasion she travelled in a lorry carrying ammunition. The atmosphere got so

close that she said to a Tommie: "If I get much warmer will these shells go off," and the answer she received was: "Lady, these shells aren't German, they do know how to treat a lady."

The longer she lived the greater pleasure it gave her to do homage to the nations associated in the *Entente Cordiale*. When men only visited one another's houses it did not count for very much, but when the women became friends relations were firmly established. In the Nursing College which it was hoped to establish in Paris the English Sisters of the F.F.N.C. would work side by side with French women and so help to cement the friendship between the two nations.

Dr. Murray Leslie who read a letter received by Miss Ellison from the Princesse Dennin D'Alsace in which she expressed her admiration for the work

of the nurses, said that he might talk for an hour and not express so well what the Corps was trying to do. He asked for funds to carry on the work. They would like £1,000, but they needed £500 at once.

Lady Tyrrell said she had been asked by Mme. de la Panouse to say how happy her connection with the Corps had been. The nurses were very well selected, never complained, and were always cheerful. She was proud to have been made the President of such a Corps, and glad to take the opportunity of saying so.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the chair and to Miss Ellison, and with the singing of the National Anthem.

The audience proved their interest in and



SISTERS WITH THEIR CONVALESCENT TYPHOID PATIENTS AT NEUFCHATEAU.

appreciation of the talented speaker and the French Flag Nursing Corps, by contributing the handsome sum of £45 2s. to replenish its coffers—a most welcome gift.

Sister Carmichael, who sends us the picture of herself, Sister Mallon, and their convalescent typhoid patients at Neufchateau, is enjoying a delightful holiday in the South of France. She says: "The weather is glorious, not at all too hot to get about. This is my first holiday for eighteen months, and I am afraid most of our time so far has been spent in sleeping. We arrived here at 2 p.m., went straight to bed, and slept till 6.30 the following morning without a break. Now we are thoroughly enjoying every minute."

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