up nursing as a career, and Dr. Grant felt that the French Flag nurses by their example and their skill would give an impetus to this movement. Their work would be most interesting, and they would always find surgeons and others ready to help and encourage them, but if any difficulties arose he was sure that they would face them cheerfully with the consciousness of the value of the work they were carrying out and with the feeling that they could always apply to Miss Ellison or her splendid skilled Matron-in-Chief, Miss Haswell, as well as to the Committee, with the certainty that they would receive most sympathetic consideration and help.

Dr. Grant hoped that they might occasionally have the privilege of seeing Dr. Beauchamp when paying his visits as an official of the French Red Cross and he (Dr. Grant) knew that they might always count upon him for friendly assistance

when opportunity presented itself.
Dr. Grant gave the greatest share of credit to the ladies of the committee, but, as Mrs. Murray, the Chairman, very truly urged, the corps was greatly indebted to Dr. Murray Leslie for his readiness at all times to undertake the work of medical examination of candidates and of their inoculation and vaccination.

The Committee offered them God-speed on their way to their beneficent work, feeling the utmost confidence that their labours would be thoroughly

appreciated.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick spoke of the privilege it was for British nurses to be permitted to care for the sick and wounded "splendidly patriotic soldiers of France "in their own military hospitals, and the value of international organizations in the present instance—as had it not been for the co-operation and generosity of the Nurses' National Association of Canada, the Unit would not have been present. Mrs. Murray wished the Sisters all success in their work for humanity, and reported that not only had the Sisters cared for the French, but for many sick German prisoners—who had recorded in letters home their appreciation of their kind services. Mme. Girard expressed her great pleasure at meeting the Sisters, and Miss McMurragh in a very graceful "maiden speech," spoke with feeling, and expressed the pleasure of the Three distances of the pleasure of the Unit in joining the French Flag Nursing Corps, their appreciation of their reception in London, and their determination to uphold its high standards of service. After dinner a very happy party listened to the band in the lounge, and incidentally, arranged several pressing items of business.

Miss Kent and Miss Hulme acting as most indefatigable cicerones, took the Sisters to see No. 1 General Hospital, T.F., Camberwell, on Tuesday, with which they were greatly impressed, and Wednesday they had a permit for the Tower of London in our opinion the most interesting of the national monuments. Thus a very busy and happy time has been spent-much of this grand old Seat of Empire having been viewed from the top of the ubiquitous motor 'bus.

It is hoped that all arrangements will be fixed up and the Canadian Unit leave for France on Friday this week, in charge of Miss Helen McMurragh, R.N., cert. General Hospital, Montreal, in which leading training school she has held the position of instructress. Miss McMurragh is a Registered Nurse in the States of New York and Pennsylvania, where she has obtained valuable experience in social service work. The other members of the Unit are Miss Laura Robinson, cert. Toronto General Hospital, Miss Mabel Joice, cert. Western Hospital, Toronto; Miss Margaret McIntyre, cert. Children's Hospital, Toronto, and Post-Graduate work, New York; Miss Florence Morris, cert. General Hospital, Vancouver; Miss Louise Hopkins, cert. General Hospital, Guelph; and Miss Madeleine Jaffray, R.N., cert. Clifton Springs Hospital, New York, registered in the State of New York. All these ladies have valuable experience in various branches of nursing, subsequent to training.

Miss . Annie Matthews, cert. Whitechapel Infirmary, will also leave for France on Friday.

The play given in French "Le Voyage de M. prichon," by the nursing staff at Talence which was described in the programme as "Grande Representation Sensationelle avec des excuses à M. Labiche et à la Langue Française " went off with great eclat, and great credit is due to those who helped to make it such a success. one of consequence in the hospital came to one or other of the four performances, from the Med. Chef to the baby of the concierge! Miss Roussin took the part of M. Perrichon, and the patients were delighted with the success attained by the Sisters. Tea à l'Anglaise was served in the corridor of the Sisters' quarters, which was most artistically decorated with evergreens and coloured lights. The hospital authorities did all in their power to help, and Mme. la Marquise de Vivier, and Mme. la Baronne de Luze lent much of the scenery. Everyone agreed that great credit was due to Miss Gregory the Matron for coaching the performers and the management of the stage.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in Home Hospitals:-

The Great Hermitage V.A.D. Hosp., Higham, near Rochester.—Miss E. John.
Boxmoor House Hosp.—Miss J. L. Wilkinson.

Military Hosp., Merstham.—Miss A. W. Bain. I, Chichester Terrace, Brighton.—Miss B. I. Stephens.

Copse Hill Hosp., Upper Slaughter, Glos.—Miss M. Hawkins.

North Staffs Inf., Stoke-on-Trent.-Miss K. M.

Wilden Red Cross Hosp., Stourport.—Miss K. M. J. D'Arcy.

Red Cross Hosp., Gloucester.—Miss N. Woolf. : Canadian War Hosp., The Beach, Walmer.— Miss Z. E. Keeler.

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