

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Miss Mabel Conway-Gordon, Supervisor at the Priory Military Hospital, Port-a-Binson (Marne), who has done most admirable work in France since joining the Corps in November, 1914, has been awarded the "Medailles d'Honneur des Epidémies" by the French Minister for War, for nursing contagious diseases with great success.

Miss M. C. Richard, who is one of the indefatigable members of Miss Conway-Gordon's staff, has been similarly honoured.

We very much approve this form of recognition given to Sisters on active service for nursing dangerous contagious diseases—we trained nurses realise that medical nursing is even more responsible than surgical work.

As the restrictions in connection with travelling on the Continent are now much more formidable than they were last year, the Committee will be obliged if every member of the Corps, coming to England for a holiday, will call at once at the Head Office in London, 43 E. Oxford Street, W., and register her name and address in the book kept there for the purpose, so that the Hon. Secretary may be able to communicate with her if necessary, and also make the necessary arrangements for procuring a return ticket at reduced rates. Cablegrams, telegrams and letters have been delivered for Sisters at the office this week, and have been delayed in transit, owing to a failure to leave addresses whilst on holiday.

Now that the F.F.N.C. has got settled into its stride in Paris, Miss Ellison has instituted weekly teas in the pretty pink office—so that many kind people all eager to do something for the sick and wounded may be told of our work and encouraged to take an interest in it. A gentleman actively engaged in Red Cross work in France, and who receives many official reports, said recently, "I hear nothing but good of the French Flag Nurses." That is very encouraging to all concerned.

M. Léon Baylet, who delivered the fine oration at Bordeaux, on the execution of the late Miss Edith Cavell, has paid a visit with his wife and daughter to the Talence Hospital. He was much interested in the work, and has offered to go to the

hospital from time to time, and give the nursing staff little lectures on French authors and the French language, and is to help Miss Gregory to get up French classes for the Sisters, as they are very keen on learning to speak this beautiful language—a knowledge of which will not only make them more useful to their patients, but is of great educational value. To read and appreciate fine French literature is to add a vast pleasure to existence.

We hear that Sister Anstice has transformed Pavilion George V, at the Hôpital Militaire, Malo les Bains—by hard and insistent work—and has made it worthy of its royal title, and that it compares well with an English hospital. Sister Anstice owes much to the generosity of her friends in England who have provided bountifully for the comfort of the patients. The patients are admitted straight from the trenches, often in a very



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deplorable state, and are at once cared for with the utmost skill and devotion. We hear on good authority that this pavilion deserves the encomiums bestowed on it by the Médecin Chef and others. We congratulate Sister Anstice on her well-deserved success.

We deeply regret that, owing to an error, the name of Miss Helen McMurrich, Supervisor of the Canadian Nurses' Unit of the F.F.N.C., was published last week as McMurragh. This lady is so well-known in Canadian and American nursing circles, that the mistake is all the more regrettable, especially as the *B.J.N.* prides itself upon its accuracy in every particular.

When they have time, the Sisters at Chateau-Thierry and Neufchateau no doubt enjoy the charming scenery.

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