

decided on a neat dark blue uniform, consisting of a tailored Norfolk coat and skirt with a very slight piping of pale blue (the New South Wales colour) on collar and on coat-sleeve. The same colour is shown again in a hat-band on a very dark blue felt hat. A comfortable double-breasted military overcoat of dark blue, lined with white satin, is to be provided, and this will be worn when necessary; but the lighter coat and skirt will really be a uniform in itself. The indoor uniform is a pretty dark blue-striped zephyr. To the outfit given by the Society three dark blue aprons are added of the same material, for working purposes. White belts complete a very serviceable indoor uniform. The whole of the twenty nurses are delighted with the choice of uniform, commenting on its neatness and suitability.

Special badges have been designed. Over a red cross is the word "Australia," and under it the words "New South Wales."

Owing to a printer's error in notifying the professional training of Miss Nora Easeby—awarded the Military Medal—it appeared that she was trained for two years only. Miss Easeby entered the training school at St. Thomas's Hospital in February, 1904, and completed the four years' course in April, 1908.

MOTOR FIELD OPERATING THEATRE.

The Motor Field Operating Theatre, which is to be presented to the Italian Government by Sir Rennell Rodd, the British Ambassador at Rome, on behalf of the Wounded Allies Committee, was on view on September 1st in the grounds of Aldford House, Park Lane, where Sir William Collins, whose idea it was, Mr. J. N. Walsford, and Sister Mabel of the London Temperance Hospital, were describing its special features. Very spick and span it looked, painted in the Italian colours—dark green with white panels, on which the red cross and red lettering showed up conspicuously.

It is the first theatre of its kind, and is arranged in a 25-h.p. motor ambulance, and anyone who knows Sir William Collins will know that its details are thoroughly practical, from the wide steps of an easy gradient up which the patients can be easily carried, the zinc floor which can be readily sluiced, the stanchion on which a stretcher can be placed and the operation, in many cases, performed without jarring the wounded man by removing him to the operating table, and many other devices which occur to the expert.

Sir William Collins holds that in abdominal cases every half hour is of importance and early operation is most efficacious to arrest hæmorrhage and anticipate sepsis.

The Italian Government has most gratefully accepted the gift. The Belgian authorities are hoping for one. Perhaps before the end of the war one may be available for the benefit of our own wounded.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

The candidates on the waiting list will be called up for duty as required. The need of trained nurses for our own wounded men has been so urgent lately that the Committee has only filled vacancies and has not added to the staff of Sisters in France.

On the occasion of Miss Ellison's last visit to Hôpital Rébeval, at Neufchâteau, a "revue" was played, and the following verses referring to the Sisters were presented to her. The second verse aroused great amusement. The Médecin Chef, who gave a luncheon in Miss Ellison's honour, expressed himself as more than satisfied with the services of the Sisters. Miss Sutton, the very valued supervisor, is now taking a short holiday after eighteen months' hard work, as the guest of M. Lugon, Hôtel de France, Chambéry, in Savoy. M. Lugon has most kindly offered hospitality at this delightful place to the Sisters of the F.F.N.C., from which the most charming tours can be taken.

NOS INFIRMIÈRES.

Sur l'air, "Les Demoiselles d'aujourd'hui."

(Couplets de la Revue "H.R.I.")

On les voit glisser dans les salles,
Ressemblant aux blanches vestales;
Elles trottent le jour, la nuit,
Les Infirmières d' H.R.I.

Aucune d'elles n'est coquette;
Elles dédaignent la toilette,
Les fards et la poudre de riz,
Les Infirmières d' H.R.I.

Leurs coiffes ont des grâces d'ailes;
Elles sont gaîment maternelles,
Et le malade les chérit,
Les Infirmières d' H.R.I.

Fuyant le bruit et le tapage,
Elles ne font pas étalage
De leur charme et de leur esprit,
Les Infirmières d' H.R.I.

Pratiquant l' "Union Sacrée,"
Et dédaignant les mijaurées,
Elles ignorent tout confit,
Les Infirmières d' H.R.I.

Irlandaises, Russe, Ecosaises,
Anglaises, Galloise et Françaises,
L'Alliance les réunit,
Les Infirmières d' H.R.I.

PARCOLLET.

Here is a note from a kind friend who, we feel sûre, has all our sympathy:—"Mrs. Whiting sends £1, the greater part of it from the sale of a favourite mare, which, having met with an accident, had to be destroyed."

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