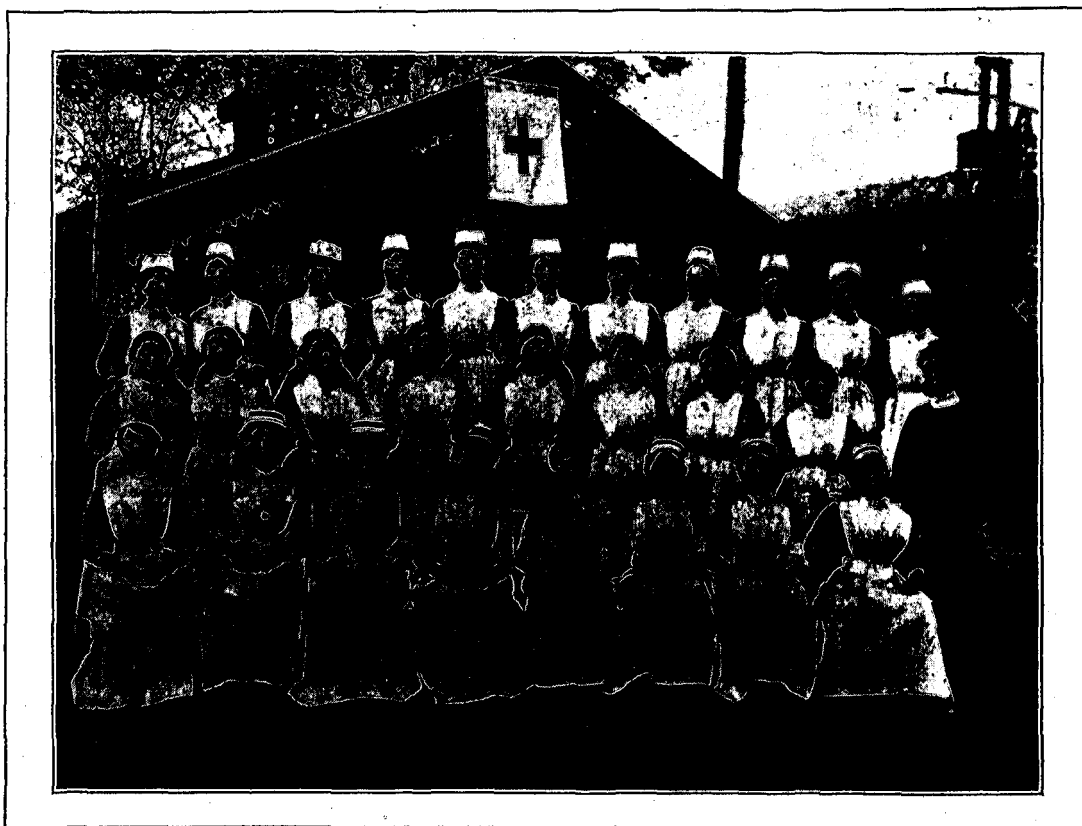


DR. ANNA HAMILTON AND HER WORK FOR FRANCE.

Dr. Anna Hamilton continues her wonderfully efficient work as Directrice of the Nursing School attached to the Maison de Santé Protestante, Bordeaux, to which is attached Hôpital Auxiliaire No. 2, to which we paid a visit last year, and which we found perfect. Dr. Hamilton and her staff and patients are now greatly rejoicing over the lovely and useful gifts received, as she writes: "Everybody knows here that our hospital being in working order before the war would manage to nurse 80 wounded soldiers without great help

We want the wounded kept as comfortable and as well fed as our patients in peace time, and they do appreciate it very much. The weak ones always get tonics; cinchona is much used for that here; the shattered nerves get bromides. Do you know that potass bromide costs 350 frs. for 2 lb? Alcohol for dressing wounds is worth 9 fr. the litre. Bichrom is no longer to be got, and the cyanide of mercury without it spoils the polish of the instruments, so we are delighted to get this nice lot of salts.

"Pyjamas are unknown to the French patients. When we showed those received they were very greatly admired by our soldiers, who thought they were light suits for summer wear! Each



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from outside. But the war is so long and everything gets worn and broken, and our finances are having a hard time of it." She adds, "We have been so lucky as to receive welcome gifts from the Croix Rouge Française, London, and from the British Red Cross 20 flannel shirts, 20 pairs slippers, 20 pyjamas, 19 suits for convalescents, 8 warm jackets, 3 mosquito nets, 6 bistouris, 4 pairs scissors, 48 litres rectified alcohol, 1 lb. soda bromide, 1 lb. potass bromide, 2 lbs. potass bichrom., 5 ozs. cinchona. The B.R.C. sent 20 pairs of leather shoes. You may think what a boon it is to get all these useful presents; we do not often get so spoilt.

one had a neat little square of white linen sewn on the inside of the collar with these words on, 'Fait en Australie par vos amis, Sydney.' Our men were quite moved on seeing that inscription, for they never fancied that so far-away friends worked for them."

Indeed, they need not be surprised that the heroism of the French soldiers is the admiration of the whole world outside Central Europe.

Dr. Hamilton sends us a snapshot of her soldier patients admiring the gifts from London, and one of Madame Krieh and one of her twin soldier sons, who are both serving their country valiantly. The brave boy in the picture has just been awarded

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