

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

A Sister from France writes: "Our hospital is full of patients with every degree of frozen feet. On my division, where we nurse the worst cases, we have many completely gangrenous, and many have lost part of their feet, and some both feet. All the very worst cases are Arabs. Owing to the generosity of a London lady, Miss Haynes, I was able to give my 100 patients each a pretty Christmas present. These poor Arabs simply crave for tobacco when they are in pain. They moan for it, and a cigarette comforts them like giving a child a sweet."

Cigarettes can be sent to the Croix Rouge Française, 9, Knightsbridge, London, S.W., and will be forwarded on to patients in French military hospitals. Please, of your charity, send a few to Sister Wadsworth, F.F.N.C. Hospital Thouveot Toul, M. et. M., France.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed to duty in Home Hospitals:—

V.A.D. Hosp., Churchfields, W. Bromwich.—Miss E. K. Good.

Hampton Court Aux. Mil. Hosp., Hampton Court.—Miss C. L. Birch, Miss A. Spindelov.

Brooklands, Weybridge.—Mrs. C. Mayne.

Harewood House, Leeds.—Miss H. T. Waller—Senior.

Michie Hosp., 184, Queen's Gate.—Miss H. L. Hurlston.

V.A.D. Hosp., Ackmouith, Pontefract.—Mrs. A. Malcolm.

V.A.D. Hosp., Chudleigh, Devon.—Miss R. Lietti.

V.A.D. Hosp., Pinner Place, Pinner.—Miss S. Hudson.

The Sir John Ellerman Hosp., Regent's Park.—Miss C. Arathoon.

V.A.D. Hosp., 23, Banbury Road, Oxford.—Miss L. A. Flemming.

Swiss House, Fitzroy Square.—Miss E. L. Lowe.

Hosp. for Officers, 83, Portland Place.—Miss M. Greenbury.

V.A.D. Hosp., Yacht Club, Gravesend.—Miss F. Wallis.

Moorfield Mil. Hosp., Glossop.—Miss S. M. Hill.

R. X. Hosp., Taunton.—Mrs. W. Robson.

Wicklow Lodge Hosp., Melton Mowbray.—Miss F. B. Fish.

V.A.D. Hosp., College, Wellington.—Miss W. A. Wheeler.

ABROAD.

The following Sisters have been deputed to duty abroad:—

Boulogne Headquarters.—Miss W. S. Martin, Miss T. A. Osler, Miss E. Gale, Miss E. O'Callaghan.

Dunkirk Headquarters.—Miss M. Wright.

La Panne.—Miss E. G. Broad.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

The Nurses' Registration Bill drafted by the Central Committee has been influentially backed and is ready for introduction into the House of Commons by Dr. Chapple, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer moved, on Thursday last week, that, until the House otherwise determined, no public Bills other than Government Bills should be introduced. Mr. Bonar Law said it was obviously a question the House itself must decide. He personally did not take the view that the restrictions which were necessary at the beginning of the war were no longer necessary. He thought, on the contrary, that this country had now come to the very crisis of its fate, and the House of Commons, like every individual, should feel that for the moment the one thing to think about was the war. He was sure that was the view of the country outside.

Loyal State Registrationists have held these views from the first day of the war, and it has only been the action of the promoters of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which has compelled the Central Committee to prepare for eventualities.

AN OPEN TERM OF GRACE.

We are glad to note that the expert work of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses has been of some use to the Parliamentary Committee of the Association of Poor Law Unions in its difficult task of considering the registration of existing Poor Law Nurses in relation to the College of Nursing. At a recent meeting they recommended that their Council should adopt the Clause incorporated in the Central Committee's Bill that, "For a three years' term of grace after the passing of the Act, nurses in practice who hold a certificate of training, or produce evidence of training satisfactory to the Council, shall be entitled to be registered without further examination." It is the only just course, and Parliament has a strong objection to enforcing retrospective legislation—and thereby perhaps injuring existing rights. Whenever a Nurses' Registration Act becomes law, many persons earning a living by nursing, whose training does not attain the highest level, must be placed on the Register—and if only the training schools had not held up this reform for a quarter of a century, we should have arrived at a very high standard of efficiency years ago. All this chopping and changing of registration qualifications before legislation is enforced is so much waste of time. We must have an open term of grace—and the sooner the better.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society will be held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Saturday, February 17th, at 4 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend, as important matters will be under consideration.

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