

The aim was to have such a hospital near a centre where discharged disabled soldiers are trained for civilian employment, and consequently the new Orthopædic Hospital has been located in the neighbourhood of an institution now controlled by the educational authorities of the city for the purposes of technical instruction. It is expected that the fact of the propinquity of such a hospital to the training centre will attract men from all parts of Scotland. Arrangements have been made for the treatment of discharged men suffering from excessive rheumatism at Red Cross auxiliary hospitals at Moffat and Strathpeffer, while consumptive and paraplegic patients will come under the special care of existing Edinburgh institutions.

THE FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

A Matron, congratulating us on the continued success of the F.F.N.C., writes:—"I read all the reports with so much interest and at times feel envious of the Sisters who are 'sticking to it' with such *real* self-sacrifice. I shall always feel glad to have had a *little* share with them, and if I had not been needed by my Committee here I should have been glad to remain in France. As it is, although I am again in my own dear little Hospital, I can think of all the brave workers out there and pray for their well-being, the more so when winter approaches, and I remember some of our truly terrible experiences during the last one."

We are glad to hear that the French Government has just created a series of medals in silver and bronze which are to be awarded to foreign nurses who have given from one to three years' service in the care of the French sick and wounded. Quite a number of F.F.N.C. Sisters should be included in this list. Indeed, British, Russian, Spanish, Danish, Italian, and Japanese nurses, lay and religious, have given of their best to help our most heroic Ally.

We are constantly hearing from Sisters who have stayed at the Grand Hotel, Charnberg, of the extreme kindness and courtesy with which they are treated by M. Lugon, and of the very moderate cost at which his hospitality can be enjoyed. British Sisters other than those of the F.F.N.C. would find wonderful refreshment during holiday at this delightful hotel.

TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

A young officer, who had certainly been considerably "peppered" with shrapnel, was deploring his enfeebled condition to a visitor.

"And this hard hearted woman," he said, turning to the Sister, "actually says I have no right to grouse—because, if bits have been chipped *out* of me no bits have been chipped *off*!"

OFFICERS' RANK FOR MILITARY NURSES.

The fact that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is so widely read by the leaders of nursing thought all over the world, makes it a specially valuable agent through which to ventilate professional opinions; and if through its agency British and American nurses can mutually benefit one another, its editor considers that she has special reason for congratulation. Our readers are aware that the *B.J.N.* approves of granting an Officers' Commission to the Army Nurses, a rank conceded to them in the Canadian Army Medical Service, the better to maintain military discipline and nursing efficiency, and that in this privilege the American Army Nurse Corps and its reserve, now that they are on active service, are anxious to participate. The following correspondence will prove that the publicity given to this question by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has already had beneficial results. In this connection we have received the following letter and enclosures from Miss M. Helena McMillan, Principal of the School for Nurses attached to the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago, U.S.A.

1. A copy of a letter written by her to Mr. A. M. Day, President of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

2. An official copy of the approved change in Army Regulations, War Department, Washington, as they affect the Army Nurse Corps and the Reserve; and

3. A copy of an editorial published in the *Chicago Post* dealing with the question, and re-publishing *in extenso* our editorial remarks on "Officers' Rank for Military Nurses," which appeared in our issue of August 4th last.

LETTER FROM MISS M. HELENA McMILLAN.

To MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

Editor *British Journal of Nursing*,
London, W.

DEAR MADAM,—When the copy of *The British Journal* was received, which commented on the editorial in the *Chicago Post*, we sent your article, with a copy of the enclosed letter, to Mr. Mason, the editor, with the resulting editorial, copy of which I enclose. We believe he has done pretty well for us and hope this will give assistance to the British as well as to the American nurses.

My own country, Canada, I am happy to say, has led the way in giving commissions to the graduate nurses. We hope that this country, at least, will follow suit.

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