

The nursing staff are all fully trained. They have pleasant quarters in a large hut which contains sitting-room, writing room, mess room, servery, and a second sitting room, with the Matron's quarters at the end. All are most comfortably and harmoniously furnished.

After inspecting the hospital the visitors were welcomed to tea at Boundary House, where in the beautiful old garden the Sisters in their bright blue uniforms and snowy caps and aprons made a pleasant picture as they flitted about talking to their guests or plying them with strawberries and cream.

We could wish no better fate for our wounded men than that they should find their way to the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington. M. B.

NURSING AND THE WAR.

We learn that Miss Violetta Thurstan has another war book in type, and that it will be published by G. P. Putnam's Sons at no distant date. The fifth issue of the *N.U.T.N. Quarterly Magazine* is to hand, from which we quote the following information:—

"Miss Violetta Thurstan is Organising Secretary of the N.U.T.N. and has been granted leave of absence to take up the post of Matron of the Ambulance de l'Océan at La Panne in Belgium—a Belgian Military Hospital within a few miles of the front. The work she has done there has proved so valuable that, at the earnest request of the Médecin Chef (the well-known Dr. Depage) and of the Matron in Chief of the Red Cross Society (Miss Swift) her leave of absence has been extended.

"Miss Thurstan was trained at the London Hospital and is the author of 'Field Hospital and Flying Column' and 'The People who Run.' Since the war she has seen service in Belgium and Russia and has received the Medal of St. George. The certificate sent with it runs as follows: (translated from the Russian) 'This is to certify that the Medal of St. George, No. —, has been awarded to the English Sister of Mercy, Violetta Thurstan, in recognition of her services upon the battle field, and of her self-sacrifice and devotion to duty when under the persistent and violent fire of the enemy.'"

The Governor of Calais recently visited the bedside of Miss Waddell, of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps, and decorated her with the Croix de Guerre and Silver Star. Miss Waddell, who is head of this First Aid Corps and had worked devotedly for two years during the continual transport of the wounded, has now been severely wounded, with the result that one of her legs has been amputated.

Miss Christina Robertson, matron of the Military Hospital Johnstone Reckitt at Ris-Orangis, France, has been awarded the gold medal of honour by the French Minister of War. The Diploma bears that Miss Robertson has given

proof of indefatigable devotion towards the French wounded, and that the distinction has been awarded "to perpetuate in her family and amongst her fellow-subjects the remembrance of her honourable and self-sacrificing supervision." For three years she served as a nurse in the Samaritan Hospital, Glasgow, and for three years subsequently was on the nursing staff as a sister in the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen. When war broke out Miss Robertson left for New York to fill an important appointment, and latterly has held a responsible post as matron of the Military Hospital Johnstone Reckitt at Ris-Orangis.

As Lavender time is closely upon us we shall be very grateful if any of our readers can send us a supply of lavender bags. If made of white muslin and prettily tied with ribbon, they are much liked by the nursing staffs of our military hospitals, either for the linen cupboard or as gifts for the sick and wounded. Address Editor, *B.J.N.*, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, and we will distribute them where we know they will be greatly appreciated.

A hospital for nurses, organised by Mrs. T. S. Hall, has recently been opened at 12, Southwell Gardens, Kensington, by the High Commissioner for Australia.

Not only has Mrs. Hall given the home, but she provides the food and the labour, while the A.I.F. supplies orderlies, medical staff, and nurses. Mrs. Hall herself is commandant, and has entire charge of the domestic arrangements. Several nurses, already in the hospital, are delighted to find themselves in such home-like surroundings.

The institution will be known as the Mrs. T. S. Hall Hospital for Nurses, and it will be under the auspices of the Australian Red Cross.

FRANCE'S DAY.

For the third year in succession, "France's Day is to be celebrated in Great Britain in aid of the French Red Cross on Saturday, July 14th—the National Fête Day of France. This fund is administered by the London Committee of which Monsieur Paul Cambon, the Ambassador of France, is the Honorary President and the Vicomtesse de la Panouse the President, and this is the only fund which has the official support of his Excellency. Through this Committee, our Ally has received twenty-five hospitals with 3,150 beds, equipped and run by British staffs entirely for sick and wounded French soldiers; over 2,500 French hospitals have been directly helped, work in which the French Flag Nursing Corps has done its part; 450 motor-cars and ambulances have been supplied, and invaluable help in other directions has been given. 20,000,000 souvenirs have been prepared for sale all over the country. For the use of the collectors 32,000 boxes are ready, together with 25,000 trays. Offers of help will be gratefully received by the Honorary Secretary of "France's Day," 3, Knightsbridge, S.W.1.

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