

active in France: it has equipped 50,000 beds at the various railway-stations in France for the convenience of soldiers going on leave, and has numerous canteens. The Society has over 2,000 workers on this side of the Atlantic making hospital requisites, in addition to an immense number in the United States. The best nurses and surgeons in the U.S.A. have volunteered their help, and a number of hospitals, fully equipped, have been placed at the disposal of the Service de Santé—and much other relief work is in hand. Millions of dollars are being expended, and schemes for reconstruction considered. The political affinity between the two great Republics is, of course, very strong. America still reveres Lafayette, and France loves Lincoln.

The American Red Cross Children's Bureau in Paris, of which Miss Leete is the wonderful chief nurse, is organizing a campaign for children's welfare in France, and is inviting reports from all those engaged in this interesting phase of national work. It is proposed to begin before the birth of the child, and to appoint district nurses—thoroughly trained, if possible—and these nurses are to be helped by a few ladies, to be called "Visiteuse d'Hygiène," instead of, as at present, "garde malade visiteuse," which they are not. These workers will be chosen from the school of "Puériculture," and are to be paid, so as to do away with amateur pretensions.

Dr. Anna Hamilton has been consulted about the work in Bordeaux, as her fame is far-reaching in the States, and she has, of course, given sound advice and practical help in the organization of the work in Bordeaux. Already at the Maison de Santé Protestante there are consultations for expectant mothers, infant consultations and crèches, and there will be collaboration with the Children's Hospital and other departments. The Committee have granted four wards for the work of the Red Cross Children's Bureau, which will cover the expense, and the nurses trained in the school will be engaged on the recommendation of Dr. Anna Hamilton.

As about 140,000 young children die yearly in France, and now there are many mothers doing men's work and making munitions, the health of the babies suffers in consequence to a terrible degree. In Bordeaux it is sad to see the number of tiny tombs in the cemetery.

One of the leading Professors in Bordeaux has gone to the United States to speak of France and what she has suffered in her fine struggle for the salvation of the world with

her bestial and relentless foe. As a result of this visit the town of Cincinnati has invited five young French girls to spend six months there, to attend all kinds of lectures at the University, and go to public meetings, so as to influence American girls and inspire them with the true "war spirit." One of the nurses from the Maison de Santé is to be amongst the guests, and will be the guest of the Cincinnati Nursing School; the other four may be the daughters of professors in Paris. This is a splendidly practical type of alliance between the two great Republics.

Had Miss Grace Ellison not recently broken down in health, she had it in mind to make a lecture tour in America, to bring vividly forward, as she is able from personal observation to do, the debt the civilised world owes to France for her valiant resistance to the devilish tyranny of the Hun.

The American Red Cross Society has issued an appeal for the enlistment of 30,000 more women in the military service, in order to meet the prospective requirements of the Government.

With a view to facilitating enlistment, the age limit for nurses has been lowered to twenty-one years, and in special cases nurses over forty may be accepted.

The following announcement, issued from Buckingham Palace on Monday, will be read with deep satisfaction by trained nurses:—

The King last week paid a visit to the Rochester Row Hospital. His Majesty recognizes the importance of the movement dealing with venereal diseases, and sympathizes with the practical efforts now in progress to combat this national danger.

The sense of shame and grief with which women have learned of the terrible dangers of infection run by our young troops at home and abroad makes any action upon the part of the King welcome indeed.

#### UNENDING DAWN.

So at the last, with all his journeying done,  
The traveller who leaves life's populous town,  
At the mysterious Inn of Death lit down  
May sleep in darkness; but at rise of sun,  
Awakening, awakening once more—  
Oh! the new miracle, the unhop'd surprise,  
When he shall look with earth-bewildered eyes  
On the waves gleaming 'gainst the deathless shore  
Beneath the Light that never is withdrawn,  
Whilst on the unvext peace of immortal skies  
Glimmers the wonder of unending dawn.

From "The City of Refuge,"

By Richard Rowley.

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