

our gallant Allies. A nice bright office has been provided for the Matron at 56, Rue de Chateaudun, where her duties will also include the help often required by the women *personnel* of the British Committee. We congratulate Miss Haswell and the F.F.N.C. that one of their number has been selected for this honourable position; it is recognition of the good work of the Sisters, and the estimation in which their organization is held by the President, the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, and the able Director-General, Mr. D. H. Illingworth, who keeps himself in personal touch with the responsibilities of the Committee at home and in France.

Miss Haswell has had a varied and interesting experience of military nursing. As a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, she was on active service during the last Balkan War, for which she received a decoration. In August, 1914, she went to Belgium, and was attached to the Belgian Red Cross Society, saw the Germans enter Brussels, and was on duty there until October, when she returned to England, service for which she has received the Star of Mons. A few days later in October, she took the Registered Nurses' Society Unit of the F.F.N.C. to France, on the staff of which she remained for upwards of two years. For the past four months Miss Haswell has again been in charge of the Corps, during Miss Ellison's illness, from which her many friends will be glad to know she is making a slow, but it is hoped a good recovery.

It is anticipated that the 57 Sisters of the F.F.N.C. who crossed the water between October 29th and November 22nd, 1914, and have done good service in French Military Hospitals and elsewhere are eligible for the "Star of Mons." Of these 13 are now in their fourth year's service, and include Sister Hilda Gill (Croix de Guerre), Sister Christina Mitchell, Sister Ellen Bennet, Sister Annie McKinnon, Sister Dora Simpson, Sister M. Conway Gordon, Sister Jean Macauley, Sister Annie Willetts, Sister Mary Richard, Sister Florence Burn, Sister Sarah Hallam, Sister Mary Mooney, and Sister Louisa Mann.

Miss Haswell and Miss Hanning are to receive the honour for work in Belgium, two of the Sisters have passed away, and should the remaining 40 wish for a verification of Service, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be pleased to send a certificate upon requisition. Several forms have already been applied for, and forwarded to Sisters now working with the British Expeditionary Force. All Sisters should make personal application for the Star to the Secretary, at the War Office, Pall Mall, London, S.W.

An Army Council Instruction (No. 214, of 1918), issued by the War Office on March 1st, provides for the "Promotion of Special Military Probationers and Nursing Members of Voluntary Aid Detachments to the grade of V.A.D. Assistant Nurse." The Instruction states:—"It has been decided that special military probationers and nursing members of the Voluntary Aid Detachments who have completed two years' continuous service in Military, Territorial, or War Hospitals shall be eligible for the grade of V.A.D. assistant nurse. It should be clearly understood that promotions of special military probationers and V.A.D. nursing members is to be for efficiency only, and not for length of service, and candidates selected must have been already awarded the red efficiency stripe." Recommendations should be made by the Matron of the hospital in which the candidates are serving.

Special military probationers and V.A.D. nursing members appointed to the grade will wear the letters A.N.



MISS E. J. HASWELL,
MATRON IN FRANCE, BRITISH COMMITTEE OF
THE FRENCH RED CROSS.

MILITARY MEDAL FOR HEROIC NURSES.

The King has approved the award of the Military Medal to Acting Sister Maud Alice Abraham, Civil Hospital Reserve; Acting Sister Florence Broome, Civil Hospital Reserve; and Acting Sister Anna Georgina Boyd, A.R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R), for bravery, coolness, and conspicuous devotion displayed in the performance of their duties on occasions when the casualty clearing station has been under hostile shell fire and bombed by enemy aircraft.

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