

Sisters, the length of whose training is six months, and English V.A.D.s. Russian ladies also acted as interpreters. Russian Sanitars were employed as orderlies, both men and women, the women proving better orderlies than the men.

The Hospital (whose owner rid the world of Rasputin), was located in the Dimitri Palace in the Nevsky Prospect, a splendid thoroughfare—indeed, a feature of all the streets in Petrograd is their great width, none, probably, being narrower than Portland Place, one of the widest thoroughfares in London.

Attached to the hospital was a field unit of 15 motor ambulances, and 150 horses and carts. Most of the convoys received came from the Riga front, but when fighting was going on in Petrograd people wounded in the street fighting were also received, and a great number of Cadets when so many of them were killed, many, alas! being beyond help when brought to the hospital. Some English sailors were also cared for.

The Russian Sister (Sister C. Danzas), whose portrait is here reproduced, is one of those who gave much help to the hospital, and was greatly grieved when the English Unit left. She apologised for her country—and, indeed, its tragedy is imprinted on her face. Let us hope that happier days are in store

for the Russian people than those of upheaval and terror through which they are now passing.

Mr. Yeld succeeded in getting his staff out of the country just in time before the frontier was closed, but had he not had the prevision to secure a supply of English money he would have been held up, for though the hospital authorities had plenty of money to their credit in a Russian bank, they were unable to procure any of it. Lady Muriel Paget, with two of the Sisters, remained in the South, but Mr. Yeld strongly advised their withdrawal by the Home Committee. The hospital in Petrograd, stocked for six months, was handed over to the Russian Red

Cross, and a good Russian surgeon appointed the understanding being that when it was closed up its equipment should be at the disposal of the English Committee.

Before the Anglo-Russian Unit left Petrograd the members were presented with the Badge of the Russian Red Cross Society, and its representative made a grateful speech for the work which it had accomplished, and expressed the regret felt at their departure. This regret was shared by the members of the Unit who will always look back with satisfaction and pleasure on their work for the Russian wounded.



SISTER C. DANZAS,

NURSES IN FRANCE.

What is now known as the "Mere Man" controversy on Nurses in France continues in the *Times*. Lady Amptill, Chairman of the Joint Women's V.A.D. Committee, offered, before going to France, to investigate any cause of complaint, but does not think the complaints can be very general as a steady flow of recruits continues.

"The Mere Man" returns to the attack; he is evidently a pertinacious person. He points out the disabilities he complained of are not peculiar to V.A.D.s.—they affect the whole British nursing service in France, trained and untrained ("Mere Man" is evidently

unaware that the condition and opinion of the trained or "common clay" nurse is of no significance whatever, and opines that "it is the system which wants altering"; and he advises Lady Amptill that "if she really wants to improve the nurses' lot, it is essential that she should cut herself loose from officialdom when prosecuting such researches. For nurses do, reasonably or unreasonably—I can't say—fear victimization if they are known by the hierarchy to have voiced any grievance."

"The Mother of an Uncomplaining V.A.D." states that the facts put forward by "Mere Man" cannot be denied. They were stated in scores of

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