

## FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Colleagues and friends will be glad to know that all the Sisters working behind the French lines, now in the hands of the Germans, at Vauxboin, Jouaignes and Verneuil are safe, though those at the latter places have lost everything they possessed in the war zone! That does not so greatly matter, as they can be replaced. The Sisters had an exciting experience; and those from Verneuil had a sad parting from their romantic old chateau, the abode where for so long they led the simple life; after a few days' rest in Paris they have rejoined the Mod. Chef of their service elsewhere.

The seven Sisters from Jouaignes walked 70 kilometres with their ambulance with the Huns at their heels. Their baggage was on a motor behind them, but, alas! the driver was shot in the head and killed. An infirmier on his cycle, who was last to leave, found the car standing in the road with the driver dead, his hand still on the wheel. Not being a chauffeur, and with the enemy in hot pursuit, he had to abandon the car. Whilst regretting the death of a brave man, let us be thankful for the escape of our Sisters.

We hear sixty French nurses at Mont Notre Dame were taken prisoners by the Germans—a terrible fate indeed!

We are glad to note in a letter how deeply sensible the Sisters in the war zone are of the wonderful selfless heroism of the defending troops. One writes: "We have come through safely, though at times we felt much strained, for the enemy's force seemed to be surging onward; but one never loses confidence in those courageous, magnificent, immortal French soldiers who, in combination with our own heroic men, have added another golden page to the record of this war. One cannot say too much for them; one can only appreciate every characteristic of the real warrior apparent under untold suffering. Our hearts are warm with gratitude for our safety and preservation thanks to our brave defenders. Night and day found us in the throes of work during the past six weeks."

A Scottish Sister writes of her experience in the retreat: "I think the saddest sight was to see the refugees in the road, trying to take with them as much as possible. One of my old patients found us here, and came to be treated. She related her *départ* to me. When the Boches left N—, 13 months ago, they left her three old women, aged 74, 82 and 84, to look after. The two oldest died, the third left with her before the return of the enemy, putting all they could on a barrow with two wheels, and walked 20 kilometres or more. The poor old woman went down on her knees many times and prayed to die. . . We are quite safe if the Boches respect hospitals. So far they have done so here. The town a mile from us has suffered and is evacuated. Near by is a lovely

forest. I get lilies of the valley and bluebells from it nearly every day." Suffering and death, terror and loss, lilies of the valley and bluebells—such are the contrasts of war.

## NURSES' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A beautiful souvenir of this service has been published by the Stereoscopic Co., 3, Hanover Square, W. It takes the form of a photographic reproduction of the interior of St. Paul's Cathedral, under which, in the handwriting of the Archdeacon of London, are the following words:—

"In remembrance of the Memorial Service for Nurses who died for their country.

St. Paul's Cathedral: April 10th, 1918."

"Not one of them is forgotten before God."—St. Luke xii. 6.

From E. E. HOLMES,  
Archdeacon of London.

One hundred copies have been presented by the Rev. A. Lombardini, to certain representatives of the Nursing Profession, who were present at the service.

Further copies can be obtained at cost price (2s.) on application to the Stereoscopic Co., 3, Hanover Square, Regent Street, S.W.

## CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

At a recent meeting of the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John a resolution moved by Princess Christian was carried unanimously, offering to the American Red Cross a fully equipped hospital of 500 beds, which, by the gracious permission of His Majesty the King, will be erected in Windsor Great Park, and which it is hoped to complete and hand over early in the autumn.

The Joint War Committee desire to mark both their admiration of the devoted work which the American Red Cross performs for the cause of humanity and their gratitude for the generous help and warm-hearted co-operation which the American Red Cross extends to the British Joint War Committee in Red Cross effort common to both nations.

The offer was accepted by Major Endicott on behalf of the American Red Cross.

We rejoice to know that this hospital which will stand in one of the finest sylvan sites in the country, and command an unequalled view of Windsor Castle, is to be placed at the disposal of our American Allies. Those who have seen American troops in this country realise their grim determination to help to put an end to the tyranny of militarism and that their splendid physique will be a great factor in the accomplishment of this end.

Americans have subscribed £36,000 to the Scottish Women's Hospitals, said the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield at the Lyceum Club.

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