

"JUSTICE!"

Under the auspices of the Voters' Council, a public meeting was held at the Kingsway Hall, on Thursday, May 22nd. Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., presided. Miss Nina Boyle and Mrs. Gideon Murray were the speakers. These ladies were members of the deputation of representative British women who have recently visited the devastated regions of France; and the purpose of the meeting was to inform the audience of what they had seen, in order that, with a full measure of understanding and sympathy, English people may realize the awful sufferings of their allies.

The Chairman explained that the deputation

and numbed with sorrow. "We must have justice for our friends before we show mercy to our enemies; mercy is the handmaid of justice—she comes afterwards, not before," emphasized the speaker. Holding in her hand a sheaf of papers, she said it was a collection of depositions taken by herself of Frenchwomen, who asked her to have them translated and distributed in England. The deportation of the young girls who were torn from their homes and distracted parents and subjected to every kind of infamy, was the consummation of the agony of the French nation during this barbarous war.

"Nothing we can do will be sufficient to show how we *understand* and how thankful we ought to be that such things have not happened to us," concluded the speaker.

Madame Rudler also spoke of the sufferings of her country.

The hearts of the audience were stirred in a practical way, and a generous collection was made.

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ARRAS, VISITED BY THE BRITISH WOMEN ON THE INVITATION OF THE MAYOR OF LILLE.

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had gone out at the request of the Mayor of Lille, who desired that the witness of the women should be heard in Great Britain.

Miss Boyle, in an admirable speech, made a strong appeal to the sense of *justice* of her audience. She denounced the idea, common among some people, that, the war being over, all its horrors must be forgotten. The sufferings of France are too great for her to be able to forget at present. Homes are mere heaps of ruins; the factories have been scientifically destroyed by seventy-five "professional breakers." The ground has been so poisoned by gas that it cannot recover for five years. The cattle have disappeared. Five hundred thousand people in Lille alone are unemployed. The peasants are courageous and patient,

haste from Verneuil. We get plenty of work here (devastated district); I really don't know what the people would do without us."

Friends will be sorry to hear that in passing through Paris Sister Weir met with an accident. She was knocked down by a taxi and is now in hospital, recovering from a fracture of the collarbone. Those of us who know our Paris taxi-driver wonder accidents are not more common. We all remember near shaves, as the pace these vehicles are permitted to tear round corners without warning invites disaster.

We believe the victim and not the driver has to pay for all damage—it is his duty to keep out of the way of reckless drivers.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

An F.F.N.C. Sister writes:—"On Monday I went to see the place where one of the big guns had been. It is an enormous place and it must have taken a tremendous amount of time to build. It was not placed, as I thought it would be, on a platform, but some distance below the ground and built on cement. It is just a year since we retreated in such

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