

for new appointments. Camp beds and couches have had to be introduced to meet the needs of those claiming hospitality, and those who have travelled far are glad and grateful for the warm welcome they receive.

A warm expression of gratitude has been sent from the Ministère de la Guerre, of the Service de Santé Française, to the Sisters of the F.F.N.C. upon demobilisation, "pour leur co-opération si dévouée et si compétente au chevet de nos combattants."

Thus on June 30th next, the activities of nearly five years' duration, of the French Flag Nursing Corps will cease. The Sisters leave France with the sincerest regret. "What shall I do without my dear, grateful poilus? It is a very great wrench to leave France" seems the sentiment. Oh, how time flies. It seems but yesterday that someone rang us up on the "phone," and said, "Will you help us to organise a corps of British nurses for France—the need is most urgent?" And we replied, "Who are you? Certainly I will, come right along." In an hour's time the work was begun, and every day for close on five years, including Sundays, we have done a bit for the Corps. We do hope, of the nursing seed scattered around, some has fallen on productive places. Such work is for a younger generation to push forward.

Miss E. M. Newman, Lady in Charge of the Church of England Zenana Mission Dispensary, Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmir, India, of whose work we have given an account from time to time in this JOURNAL, writes:—"An awful catastrophe has happened: our hospital has been destroyed by fire. Unfortunately, a full tin of kerosene oil was upset, and, in the fright and hurry, a lighted lantern was broken. The wind was so high it fanned the flames in all directions. War and fire are indeed enemies of destruction. The old building had only one staircase; the new building will have three, and an outside one also. It seemed as if fate was against us that night; the pressure of water was so little the firemen could not get the hose to act, and by the time more pressure was obtained it was too late. We are obliged to have a good deal of woodwork in buildings out here on account of earthquakes, so that the buildings sway and do not crack. We shall need 300 panes of glass at 1s. each. Can any reader of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING send one, or two friends join at sixpence each, or four friends at threepence each? Postal

orders can be changed at the British post office here.

"Should any private nurses have an opportunity of suggesting a destination for hospital stores, and surgical requisites for which a family has no more use, we should indeed be grateful for them. Where there is nothing, everything would be of use—mackintoshes, enema syringes, urinals, washhand basins, soap dishes, toothbrush trays, douches, cans, ointment spatulas, bedpans, or slipper pans, dressing trays, breast pumps, throat sprays, &c.

"If you can help us in any way by making our needs known we shall indeed be grateful."

Now that so many war hospitals are closing down, many people have stores and hospital equipment to dispose of. They could find no better destination than this hospital in Kashmir, which is doing excellent work.

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The summer meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held on Friday, July 4th, at the Edith Cavell Home, Coombe Head, Haslemere, by the kind invitation of the Ladies' Committee. The programme and arrangements for the day's outing are delightful, and Miss Hurlston, the Matron, will have a warm welcome for any members of the Matrons' Council who are able to accept the invitation. The train leaves Waterloo at 11.20, arriving at Haslemere at one o'clock.

After the business meeting is over, a Garden Party will be given by the Committee to meet the members of the Council.

Miss Hulme, Hon. Secretary, will be obliged if the members of the Council will notify her if they are able to attend the meeting, and if so they must be early on the platform, as no seats can now be reserved.

### REGISTRATION UP-TO-DATE.

If the Dogs' Bill debate permits, the Nurses' Registration Bill, as amended in Committee, will be considered in the House of Commons on Friday, June 27th. Major Barnett has placed a few amendments on the Orders of the Day, the most important being (1) to reinsert the word "training" in Subsection 4, Clause 12, dealing with the qualification of nurses in bonâ fide practice of the passing of the Act and during the three years' term of grace. The amended section will be proposed as follows:—"Produces evidence satisfactory to the Council of training, and has in addition been for at least three years in bonâ fide practice as a nurse in attendance upon the sick."

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