

INTERNATIONAL NOTES.

FROM FRANCE.

Sisters Mary Sutton and Celia Perkins, pioneer members of the French Flag Nursing Corps, are



SISTERS SUTTON AND PERKINS AT FOLEMBRAY, Région Dévastée Aisne.

now working for the Comité Britannique, C.R.F., at Folembay, and giving wonderfully helpful assistance in that devastated district. Both are Queen's Nurses, and lately received the following interesting letter from W. van Wulfften Palthe, a Dutch lady who recently visited their Centre:—

COPY OF THE LETTER ADDRESSED BY A MEMBER OF THE DUTCH MISSION FOR FRENCH PROPAGANDA IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES TO MISS MARY SUTTON AND MISS CELIA PERKINS, QUEEN'S NURSES IN FOLEMBRAY.

MY DEAR LADIES,—We came home two weeks ago, after that very interesting, although extremely sad, trip through the northern part of France.

Our total impression was: One huge churchyard of brave men, perhaps women and children, too, of houses and villages of human woe.

Back in Holland, it is rather difficult to imagine that we have seen what a modern war means; it is more like a part of hell that we visited.

Like an oasis in the desert we found this station de l'Oeuvre "pour le secours aux contrées dévastées," patronised by the Marquise de Noailles (or Brigode Kemlandt?) We were sorry we could not meet this lady, who does such a lot for her people; but we were also glad that we met her English helpers, who soon proved to be the "right women in the right place."

We are sure that the appreciation from the French people (we were struck on our walk by the kind way they all greeted you) gives you some satisfaction, and this in return enlightens your difficult but grateful task.

Although your stores seemed to be well supplied, I should like to send you another 200 francs. Also, I'll try to send some cocoa or chocolate for the children that visit the little school.

Will you give 20 francs to the "Madame" in the caves of the little chateau on the other side of the road? She showed me the interior of her "souterrain" new home, and I felt so sorry for the poor woman.

Many of my snapshots succeeded well, except the picture I took of you. I am very sorry that did not come out well; it is a great disappointment that can't be changed. Perhaps some French or English people you know would be kind enough to take a photo of you standing near your camouflage house, in front of the well-supplied tents.

Intending to read a lecture on our trip, I'll invite friends, and I should be pleased to be able to show as lantern slides one of the sisters helping the Committee for the "secours aux Régions Dévastées." At the same time, I'll tell

the audience how these ladies were kind enough to offer a few foreign Hollanders an English cup of tea.

I hope I'll be successful in touching their



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feelings, but at the same time successful in making them open their purses . . .

With kind regard, I remain, dear ladies,

Sincerely yours,
W. VAN WULFFTEN PALTHE.

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