

THE FIRST CORNER STONE AT BAGATELLE.

Those members of the nursing profession who have for many years followed with interest the great work done by Dr. Anna Hamilton, of Bordeaux, in the training of nurses, will rejoice with her that her plans for the extension of the work of the Maison de Santé Protestante are now materialising.

It will be remembered that Mlle. Elizabeth Bosc bequeathed the beautiful domain of Bagatelle, at Talence, outside Bordeaux, for the purposes of the hospital. It was an ideal site, but the question of securing the necessary funds for its development was a very pressing difficulty which might have proved insurmountable to anybody with a will less indomitable than Dr. Hamilton. Finally these difficulties were overcome and, in the immediate future, two of the buildings forming part of the complete group will be proceeded with, the Rockefeller Anti-tuberculosis Dispensary, the gift of the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Florence Nightingale College and Nurses' Home, the gift of American Nurses to their French colleagues in memory of the American Nurses who died in the Great War.

On April 16th the corner stone of the first building—the Rockefeller Anti-Tuberculosis Dispensary—was laid at Bagatelle, by Dr. Linsly Williams, Director of the Rockefeller Commission in France, in the presence of many distinguished persons, when Dr. Hamilton deposited an American cent under the stone on which are inscribed the words, "In God we trust."

None know better than French people how to organise ceremonies of this kind. Those present were welcomed in the name of the Maison de Santé Protestante by its President, M. Henri Cruse, who particularly expressed his gratitude to the Rockefeller Commission. M. Cazalet recalled the pioneer position of the hospital, notably in being the first institution in France to send debilitated children to sanatoria, and paid homage to the pupils of Dr. Hamilton's school.

The Mayor of Talence, M. Iriquin, expressed the gratitude of its citizens for the establishment of the dispensary in the Commune. Dr. Arnozan, in the name of Bordeaux, offered congratulations,

and pointed out the advantage of the hospital park, instead of the hospital ward, in the treatment of tuberculosis.

The international character of the function—characterised both by grandeur and simplicity—was emphasised by the French and American flags, which floated gaily against the green background of the splendid domain of Bagatelle, and by the presentation of a magnificent basket of lovely flowers to Dr. Anna Hamilton by Miss Evelyn T. Walker, Associate Director of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing at Soissons, who attended the ceremony as the delegate of the American Red Cross, and of the Comité Americain pour des Régions Devastées de la France, who sent the flowers. Miss Walker has been associated with Dr. Hamilton in her work



DR. A. HAMILTON, FOUNDER OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE NURSING SCHOOL, BORDEAUX, RECEIVING A BASKET OF FLOWERS FROM MISS E. T. WALKER.

at Bordeaux and has a warm admiration for her work. A number of nurses trained in the Florence Nightingale School for Nurses have been working with Miss Walker in the devastated regions, so the gift gave special pleasure to Dr. Hamilton, on an occasion which was for her a red letter day in her life.

The memorable ceremony concluded with the singing of the American hymn, the Marseillaise, "Patrie," and other songs, by the pupils of the school, a large number of whom were present, and by M. Raoul Lacome, whose beautiful singing was received with great applause.

British nurses will wish to express their felicitations to their French colleagues on this happy occasion.

Our illustration shows Miss Walker presenting

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