

DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

ENGLISH NURSES IN FRANCE.

We all know how much the trained nurses sent out to France from England during the war were appreciated. Perhaps we do not know what excellent work some of them are still carrying on to-day in different surroundings. It was my good fortune to see them for myself during a recent visit to France to see the invaded districts. In this terrible region, at Folembay (Aisne), I happened to meet two women of whom their country may well be proud.

Miss Mary Sutton and Miss Celia Perkins, as members of the French Flag Nursing Corps, nursed right through the war, and after the

made, and here they settled down. But they had at least friends in the nurses who arrived before any practical help could be got. The Sisters lived as they could at first—very little food, no bread. Then a Government wooden building was procured and with it a kitchen on wheels. This was their house—the centre from which they worked. Soon, owing to the exertions of Madame de Noailles, a temporary hospital was erected for emergency cases, and a properly equipped dispensary. Here the Sisters work incessantly, morning, noon and night, never sparing themselves. One goes off in the morning as a rule to see patients, whilst the other is active in the dispensary. In the afternoon the people come with innumerable wants. Mothers fetch the layettes so charmingly provided ; others to use the sewing

machine. Children from the temporary school need many sores dressed. For one object or another the "P. H. M." (Pour les Hôpitaux Militaires) is the centre of attraction.

Surely the people of Folembay and the villages around will never forget what they owe to the English nurses.

KATHLEEN

FITZGERALD.

Sister Sutton is Irish, and both she and Sister Perkins are Queen's Nurses. Women are to be debarred from the diplomatic service, we are told. We wonder how the intimate international mission work performed by our incomparable nurses compares for real practical value with that of the young sprigs (many of them charming boys) who are entrusted by the

Government with our "foreign relations"!

UNIQUE MEMENTOES.

Unique mementoes, made of polished teak guaranteed to be from his Majesty's ship *Vindictive*, each article bearing a commemorative plate, are to be sold in aid of the Institut Edith Cavell at Brussels (of which Miss Edith Cavell was Matron). Many people will wish to possess one of these interesting articles, which include tables, book troughs, miniature candlesticks, paper weights, blotters, paper racks, ash trays, and rulers, of which the prices are from 15s. to £5. Applications should be made to Mme. Charles Wiener, 126, Avenue Louise, Brussels, or to Miss Moore-Brabazon (Hon. Secretary of the "Chelsea Branch of the Navy League"), 8, Beaufort Gardens, S.W. 3.



Sisters Mary Sutton and Celia Perkins
Madame la Marquise de Noailles.
IN THE LITTLE SALON AT FOLEMBAY.

Armistice volunteered for service in the very desolate regions in France after the departure of the enemy. Folembay was the chosen spot, and these two Sisters went thither at the very urgent request of the Marquise de Noailles, whose work for France has been unceasing during and after the war. This village had been occupied by the Germans for three years, ruling the inhabitants in strict military style. When the day of reckoning came they removed all the inhabitants left—principally women and children—and blew up the whole district. The chateau, the glass works, church, school, dispensary and hospital all fell in ruins. This was the home to which the poor people returned. Nothing left! With true French courage they set to work to restore what they could, and many families could find no other shelter than the dug-outs which "Fritz" had

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