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# WOMEN'S HOSPITAL CORPS.



UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE  
CROIX ROUGE DE FRANCE.

UNION DES FEMMES DE FRANCE.

Dec. 16. 14.

Train Boulogne - Paris -

Dear Mr. Toy

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sad letters about wandering about the Country  
trying to find me. When one sees these men  
saying young I remember they are shared a big trial.

It is very difficult to be happy & useful old.

All the infirmities for which there is no cure  
are very hard to bear. I hope that my being

away isn't altogether a loss to her. She probably  
likes my doing this bit of work & knowing, if

she knows, that it has gained a certain amount  
of recognition <sup>for women's work.</sup> I shall think of you all a

great deal my very dear ones. I wonder if

you will have our ordinary Xmas. It is  
difficult to know what to do this year - but  
expect it is best to go right on -

I am writing in the train on the way to Paris for a few hours



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to a glimpse of ~~la~~ Dorette without whom  
sit on badly & to participate in a reception  
for French Med. Women in our Hospital.

Claridge's is full - with our bad cases - but the  
110 beds are filled with rows of young men under  
scarlet blankets who sing part song or hymns  
& who look perfectly beautiful in the big  
white marble halls, which we have closed in, with  
white paper walls between the pillars. In the  
entrance hall which holds 40 beds there is a  
large round marble table [it is the winter garden  
of the hotel]. This has a scarlet cloth with  
& white flowers - The idea is to impress  
the French Medical Women with the hospital & to  
inspire them to found a hospital for women,



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staffed by women - Hospitals exist in France so  
that as one of them said to me "We could not  
have offered to organize & work a hospital for  
our red X: we had no surgeons: they would  
not have looked at us!"

It is a tiresome journey to Paris & takes 8 hours  
or more, under war conditions. I meant to  
write also of letters but my pen gave out early  
so that the polite ones have had to wait -

I wonder where Louis & Kenneth will be  
at Xmas. They have had to pay a big tribute  
to the poor.

Much love to you all

J. S. L.

Our first German came into the Mawcraun today  
I hope we will make him like the English if he  
tells nasty about them now but he doesn't look as if he did



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