

open his right eye. Then they were all exceedingly filled with wrath, and cried out, saying, "Great is Bumbledom of the Hospitals." Then sent they and called unto them men whom they believed were of like mind unto themselves, but behold very few came. And they held a meeting, and some cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. But all united in crying out "Great is Bumbledom of the Hospitals." And at the last they made what men do, in these latter days, term resolutions—because they do contain words which are mostly irresolute—and nothing was said therein about pockets, but much—yea, very much—was said about Bumbledom. And these resolutions were mighty words—and mightily untrue. Yet were they sent to the Governor that he might read them, and peradventure he might even believe them to be true. And verily he did so, for he was a good man, and simple-minded, and wist not that those that tell lies do abound on the earth—whose mouths shall be some day stopped. And these men did send letters bearing the inscription "private and confidential" to many strangers in many places, whom they did implore for the sake of Bumbledom to set their seals unto the resolutions which were untrue, and to send them also to the Governor. But many of the strangers first considered the matter, and when they did perceive that the words were not true, they did make answer, "What hath this good and simple Governor done unto us—and may his shadow never be less—that we should tell him lies." And what hath this Royal British Nurses' Association done unto us, that we should despitefully use it and make it add "limited" to its name? Yet did a few good men and simple believe all that was told them, and did set their seals unto the letters, and did send them to the Governor. But yet there were few of them. So those that worshipped Bumbledom did write to little houses with large names, and unto men that are called Guardians, because they do mostly disregard the poor, and out into the bye-ways and lanes of Bumbledom, and at the last did get sixteen to write letters unto the Governor, that he should make the Royal British Nurses' Association add "limited" unto its name. Then was the Governor sore afraid, because Guardians be very great and powerful. And therefore he made a decree that the Association must add "limited" unto its name if it desired to be enrolled in the

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books in the House, which is called Somerset. And then others arose and said: "It is the law of England, and so hath been for seven hundred years, that judgment shall not be given until the accused hath had the chance of making his defence, and that none within this realm shall be condemned unheard. Yet hath this Governor declined the plea of this Association, before he knew its case, acting thereby against the moral, if not the actual law. And he hath based his judgment on grounds which are untrue, and his judgment cannot stand. Nor do we think that when he knoweth the truth he will himself uphold his verdict. What we desire to do by quiet means, and only at our own expense, has oftentimes been brought to pass by riotous endeavours and at great cost. It is named Reform, and all men grant that it is sorely needed now in Nursing matters. It has never yet in anything been made without dispute from those whose revenues or petty power it touched. But for near six thousand years the progress of the human race has tended upward—with falls here, decay there, the mass hath ever risen higher and higher. So we do learn that Reform once born in any calling has grown and grown until it reached maturity. Nature's invariable laws have no exceptions, and this work must therefore stand and grow. We reckon not petty malice, nor its transient consequences. So we protest against a judgment which is unjust, but which does no more than leave us here to-day where we stood yester' e'en." Then were the craftsmen full of wrath, and with a loud voice, for the space of about a month, they cried out, "Great is Bumbledom." And they wrote letters that Bumbledom only was great, and had deserved well of Nurses, and that Bumbledom only possessed knowledge about Nurses or any other matter. But they told not that Bumbledom deceived those who supported it and trusted in its word, nor that it neglected those whom it had been entrusted to tend and assist, nor that it made great profit from those who went into its service, and became its slaves. Many untrue things were said, yet were not these true things told? For Bumbledom is a delinquent.

On account of very great pressure upon our space, "Obstetric Nursing" and "The Vicar's Daughter" are unavoidably held over until next week.

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