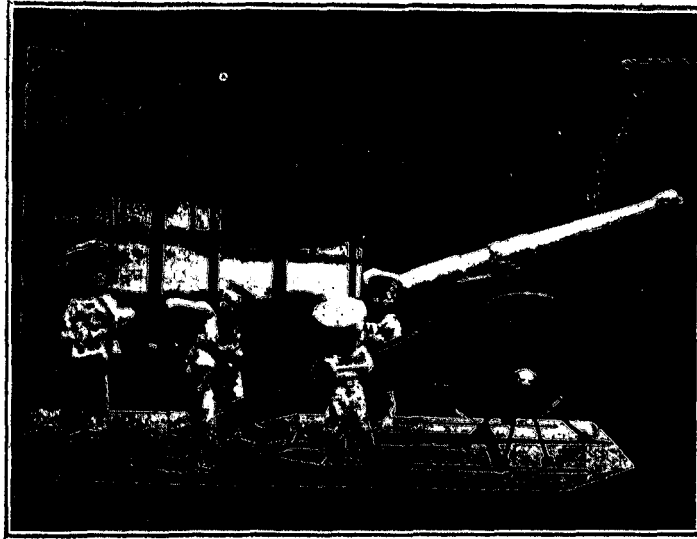


and self government, and it is specially obnoxious to us to have women sent over here to positions of influence, who simply voice the shibboleths of intolerant anti-registration hospital governors in London, and who thus make a rift in our professional lute. Besides it is most unfair that after training here, giving years of hard work to the sick of our city, all the plums of the profession should be given to women who have not spent an hour in caring for our sick people, and who care nothing for our professional ideals."

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch of the Co-operation of Trained Nurses was held in Charing Cross Halls last week. Professor Glaister, in moving the adoption of the report, said that since the inception of the co-operation in 1894 over 20,000 cases had been treated by the nurses, and that they had been rewarded by a round sum of nearly £120,000.



The Handy Man at Field Gun Practice.

Referring to the Nurses' Registration Bill, Prof. Glaister is reported to have said that he had attended all the conferences in London with regard to that measure, and with a view to discovering, if possible, a *modus vivendi* with the English and Irish Associations for the purpose of putting forward a common bill. He was bound to say, however, that while the Scottish Association were desirous of meeting the English Association in every particular, both as regards having a common bill and an equal standard of teaching, examination, and efficiency, the English people were not only inclined but had demanded that the whole of the nursing machinery must be managed from London. They in Scotland did not believe in a Scottish institution of that kind, grown to the extent it had, being managed from London, and they felt that there should be a Scottish board to manage Scottish affairs. In the pre-

sent state of politics in other directions there need be no worry about the Nurses' Registration Bill meantime, but they would try to secure that Scottish nursing would occupy in the future as prominent a position as in the past.

We regret that Professor Glaister should have omitted to inform his audience that he and his Scottish colleagues withdrew from the Conference held in London, and that recently the Registration Society to which he belongs has issued a pamphlet containing most inaccurate and misleading statements concerning the registration question, ending with unseemly threats, that unless English and Irish nurses

abandon the basic principles embodied in their registration policy, for which they have been working for twenty years, their Bill shall be determinedly opposed.

The truth is that the Scottish Bill is merely a glorified Directory Bill, primarily inspired by London anti-registration influence, and intelligent

nurses do not intend to be deluded by its dangerous fallacies. It is a Bill which gives absolute control of the nursing profession at large to hospital officials, and English and Irish nurses have not worked for self-government for twenty years to abandon their principles at the dictation of a few Scottish medical officers, who are entirely out of sympathy with independence of action in professional affairs, being granted to trained nurses. It is this danger of bureaucracy which the Scottish Nurses' Association is out to neutralise.

Dolls have a wonderful fascination for "grown-ups" as well as children, to judge from the crowds of women who attend toy and doll shows, and it is amusing to note that in Kimberley "the doll show opened at the Town Hall in aid of the funds of the local hospital was unique in the history of the

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