

a rough blockhouse made of iron or sandbags and fenced with barbed wire—some were facetiously named, such as "Bertramville." One outpost we passed was guarded by very unsophisticated burghers who cried in excitement "Kyk dar voor de meisjes!" ("Just look at the girls!"). Sometimes the track ran by the sea-shore, which was a welcome variety, and often we passed the snow-white bones of whales—huge ribs and vertebræ gleaming on the sand. Some of these ribs are used to make ornamental arches in the hospital gardens, so you can imagine the size of them.

After about thirty miles Swakopmund came suddenly into view. We ploughed our way through the deep sand to the mess quarters. We had a very nice lunch waiting for us. The days of hardships—bully beef and scarce water—are practically past here, but talking of water, it is the nastiest you can imagine—"brak," tastes of soap and anything unpleasant you can think of. However, quite a lot of condensed water is shipped from Capetown, and the orderlies often fill bottles for us with it.

It is so quaint being in a town where the population is exclusively troops and sisters. Not another petticoat is allowed in the place, so we get made a good deal of. When we go to the bi-weekly concerts they cheer us.

SLIP THIS INSIDE YOUR CAP.

The following prayers were issued by the Chaplain of the Fleet, and the Chaplain-General of the Army, for the use of sailors and soldiers in August, 1914, to slip inside their caps:—

A SAILOR'S PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, forgive my sins, and strengthen me in all that is right.

Grant me help to carry out my duties faithfully and bravely.

Bless and protect the officers and men of this ship. Shield all I love from harm in my absence.

For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER.

Almighty and most Merciful Father,

Forgive me my sins;

Grant me Thy peace;

Give me Thy power;

Bless me in life and death,

For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

At Belfast Police Court recently a delicate looking man named David Gordon, was charged with having attempted suicide by throwing himself from the window of a private nursing home, where he was staying, pending an operation. Mr. A. J. Lewis, solicitor, said the man owed his life to Miss Sloan, a nurse in the home, who caught him as he was going through the window, and held on until assistance arrived. The defendant was handed over to the custody of his relatives, and the magistrates highly complimented Miss Sloan on her courageous conduct.

SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Thursday, July 15th. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Minutes having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary presented a report covering the period from the Annual Meeting on June 17th to date.

The report drew attention to the proposition put forward by Lord Knutsford, and presumably the anti-registration party, for the registration of non-standardised training schools by an un-professional authority, as a substitute for granting legal status to thoroughly qualified nurses after examination by a central professional authority.

Miss Breay reported that by the unanimous invitation of the Legislation Sectional Committee of the National Union of Women Workers, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses would, on behalf of the Committee, move the Resolution in support of Nurses' Registration to be brought forward at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland in London next October.

The Resolution was to be seconded by Mrs. George Cadbury, who had spoken so sympathetically on the question at the Nurses' Conference at Birmingham. The Registration resolution had received widespread support from the branches of the N.U.W.W. and from important affiliated societies of social workers and trained nurses.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Referendum taken by the National Union of Trained Nurses, resulting in 460 members supporting the demand as against 35 opposed was reported, and it was agreed to forward an expression of congratulation to the N.U.T.N.

RESOLUTION SENT TO MINISTERS.

The Resolution carried at the Annual Meeting urging that the mobilisation of the nursing profession owing to the War had demonstrated the absolute necessity for a standard of nursing proficiency, and the registration of those who attain the same, and petitioning His Majesty's Government to give facilities for the consideration of the Nurses' Registration Bill, had been sent to the Prime Minister and the members of the Cabinet and official acknowledgment had been received.

The congratulations of the Society were also sent to Dr. Addison, M.P., on his appointment to office, and acknowledged by him in cordial terms.

AN UNJUSTIFIABLE ATTACK.

Following the Annual Meeting of the Society, the *Manchester Courier* published on June 23rd

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