

will probably interest many of our readers who are familiar with the 'joys' of hospital service in France during winter." One sketch shows two nurses struggling with a refractory tent. "Just enough gentle exercise to prevent them from getting stale. We understand that this course is very popular, especially on a dark night after a heavy rain."

An original sketch by a patient depicts "Lady Muriel Piecrust" visiting a wounded man.

"Well, my brave man, here's a 'Woodbine' for you; and how many Germans did you kill?"

"Thousands, mum, thousands."

Lady Muriel: "Wonderful, wonderful! Here is another 'Woodbine' for you."

A clever poem by a patient is entitled, "Things a patient can do in his spare time." It begins—

"You can sweep the floor and make your bed,

Carry the dinner, cut the bread,

Take the patients' books and clean the brights,

Dust the trays and switch on the lights."

These trifles afford material for seven verses, and the poem ends with—

"When you have got some time in between

You can go to the woods and gather some green."

The price of this beautifully got-up Souvenir is only 2s. 6d.; and the object of its proceeds should appeal to our readers, who, if they purchase it will not only assist in a good cause, but will possess themselves of a most interesting collection of pictures and sketches.

We have only space for one more story—heard in the wards. "Two char-ladies were talking one day: 'Oh, Mrs. B., I am sorry to hear your old man's wounded. Where was 'e hit?' 'Oh, in the abdomen, so he writes to me.' 'In the what, Mrs. B.?' 'The abdomen, dear.' 'And wherever's that?' 'Oh, I dunno—somewhere in France.'"

This Souvenir should certainly be secured.

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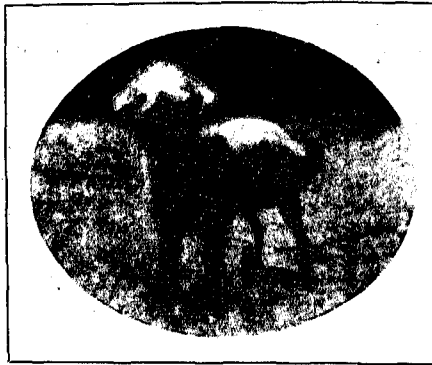
Very biased and misleading statements are being made by the "College" press, papers edited by lay persons, in their attacks on the organised Nurses Associations; and these persons have the impertinence to "warn" the Royal Corporation of Trained Nurses, the Royal British Nurses Association, and "other Associations" of dire results, if they dare to form opinions concerning their own affairs. We warn these meddling persons that we intend to use our own judgment, and that, as we have proved in the past, we are neither to be misled by the commercial nurses papers, nor bullied by their unprofessional Editors.

The statement made in one journal that "the College has intimated its willingness, to make another attempt, to arrive at an agreed Bill, but its offer has been refused" is untrue. No such intimation has been received officially, and as the Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., largely uses this organ as her mouthpiece, it is her duty to contradict this misleading statement in its next issue.

The organised nurses demand an Independent Governing Body in any Bill for their registration, and until the College concedes that fundamental principle of good government, its programme is doomed to failure. We will neither be coerced by the College Council nor by the unprofessional press. Moreover, the close co-operation between the two is a very real danger to which independent nurses are fully alive.



QUIET MOMENTS.



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The King of the Belgians, who has gone to the South of France to join the Queen, passed through Paris on Sunday, where he was requested by M. Poincaré to hand to the Queen the Médaille de la Reconnaissance Française on behalf of the French Government.

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