

grazing with a magpie sitting on his back, darting his beak into the sheep's curls to find his breakfast and then putting his head back and gobbling it down with a self-satisfied air. "Surely *one* magpie means luck," remembered Francesca, and took it as a good augury for her future work.

THE END.

V. T.

NURSING AND THE WAR.

HOSPITAL HUNS.

Several of the nurses at a military hospital in South-East London have resigned because of the insulting behaviour of some of the Hun wounded who have recently been admitted. Is it not high time (asks the lay press) that the Huns in our hospitals were looked after by male nurses?

Any way, it is time the silly sentimentalism of some women nurses was put down by the authorities. A trained nurse can do her duty when nursing the enemy without undue gush, which these barbarians do not understand, and we do not wonder nurses resign when they are expected to pamper men whose one aim in existence is to trample upon every decent instinct we possess.

HOW TERRIBLE THE COST.

"We have been very busy up to now. We have sixteen beds reserved for complicated head injuries, and this ward alone keeps us busy. They are terrible cases. Three have had tracheotomy done in addition to head injuries, some are blind, some are deaf, and there is hardly a man who can speak. Our poor mutilated men! One of my poor men cried this morning because he cannot remember his own name—memory completely gone.

"Victory will come, but, alas! how terrible the cost!"

PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY.

Owing to the numerous cases of dysentery in Paris and the suburbs, the Prefect of Police has issued a notice to the public recommending that all milk should be boiled, no ice taken in drinks; no vegetables or fruit eaten raw, the hands washed carefully before eating, and flies kept from the food.

These precautions are very necessary, and nurses should try and have them carried out.

ANTI-INFLUENZA SERUM.

Tests with an anti-influenza serum, which have been conducted at several American Army cantonments, are reported to have given excellent results. Enough serum is now being produced to inoculate 50,000 patients daily. It is said to be specially potent in preventing cases of influenza from developing into pneumonia.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

ONE DAY'S CONFERENCE.

The Royal British Nurses' Association will hold a one day's Conference on Thursday, November 7th, at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., opening at 3 p.m. The meeting will adjourn for tea, and then hold an evening session.

The *raison d'être* of the meeting is to explain to members and others the difference between the two Nurses' Registration Bills drafted by the Central Committee and the College of Nursing, Ltd., and the reasons why the Royal Corporation is not in accord with the College. Four speakers in short addresses will compare the provisions of the Bills from the point of view of a doctor, matron, nurse, and member of the public.

The programme of the Conference will appear in the official Supplement of the R.B.N.A. next week.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The Autumn Reunion of the Nurses' Missionary League, held on October 2nd, was the occasion of much happy friendly intercourse between nurses from a number of London hospitals and representatives of various other branches of the nursing profession. Although there were opportunities for conversation during the interval in the morning and before the evening session, the special occasion for this was in the afternoon, when those present gathered round the little tea-tables and the three kind hostesses—Mrs. Drummond Robinson, Miss Bennett (Matron, Metropolitan Hospital), and Miss Jolly (Matron-in-Chief, R.A.F. Nursing Service)—did so much to make all feel thoroughly at home. Then the hum of friendly talk only died down when the three short addresses were given and when Miss Bruce Knight sang her beautiful renderings of "Mine Eyes have seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord," "Oh! Rest in the Lord," and other songs.

The morning session was largely devotional in character, the Rev. R. C. Gillie giving an inspiring opening address on the need for spiritual readjustment—readjustment towards God in the matters of sin and of sensitiveness to His will and call, and readjustment towards men, so as to be able to live in healthy fellowship with all with whom we live and work. The two subsequent addresses, by the same speaker, dealt with the Bible first as a progressive record of God's self-disclosure to man, and secondly as a record of man's response to God.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)