

of course all these reforms for the benefit of the sick are now delayed until the State defines safe standards of training in a Nurses' Registration Act, an urgent reform deferred by the animus of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

We are indebted to the Editor of the *Gazette* of the 3rd London General Hospital (T.F.) for our illustration of the V.A.D.'s nightmare. We do hope that when the staff of this hospital is demobilised, the *Gazette*, which has amused, charmed and instructed us by its clever articles and witty illustrations, will find some means of becoming a perennial. It would be a thousand pities if it "went under."

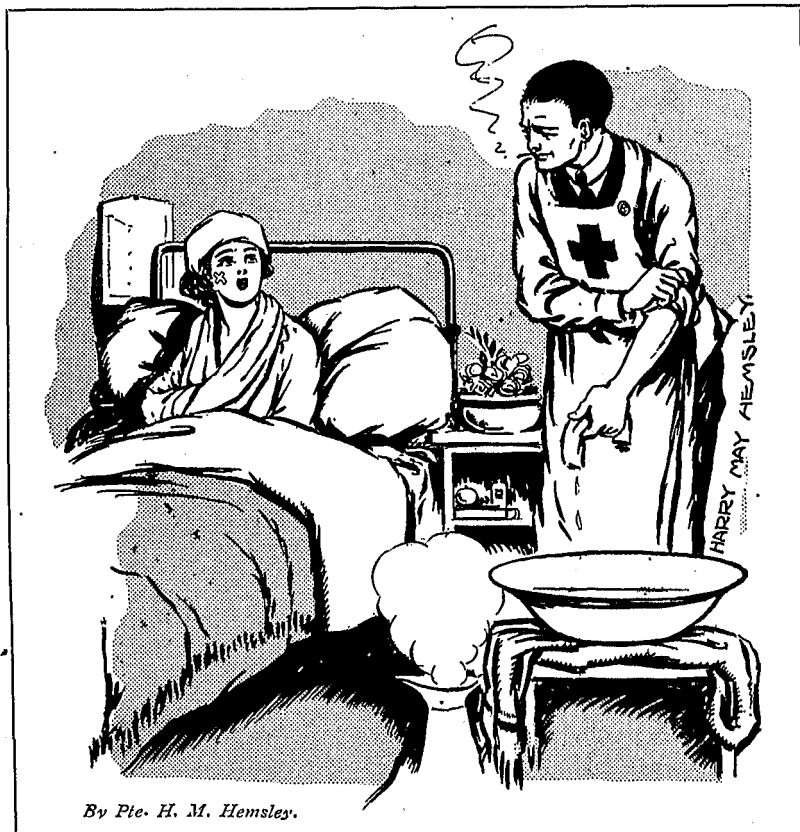
The Report of the King Edward Order of Nurses in South Africa for 1918, now to hand, states that, notwithstanding the difficult period which it covers, the Order has done much useful work. The Executive Committee records its deep sense of indebtedness to the Lady Superintendent (Miss J. E. Pritchard) and members of the Order for the strenuous and courageous manner in which they threw themselves into the fight against the influenza epidemic, bringing trained and cheering help to stricken communities, and winning golden praise for themselves and the Order by their skill and devotion.

Miss Pritchard reports that three nurses who went out on a three years' agreement broke their contract. On the other hand, three nurses who originally went out in 1914 on a three years' agreement are now in their fifth year of work with the Order. Another who left to take the position of Matron of a hospital had resigned the position and was returning to the Order to take up work as a district nurse in Johannesburg.

Sir Archibald Williamson, in the House of Commons recently asked the Secretary for Scotland whether any difficulty is being experienced in obtaining an adequate service of fully trained district nurses by the Highlands

and Islands Medical Service Board; and what salary is offered to applicants?

Mr. Munro replied that the shortage in the supply of nurses and the question of their remuneration are referred to in some detail in the current Report of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Board, and said that the salaries paid to nurses are at the discretion of the district nursing associations, in whose employment they are, and at the present time there is no uniform standard of remuneration. The Board had, however, prepared a scheme under which they would be empowered to give



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Grants to associations to enable the latter to pay more adequate salaries. This scheme, which was at present before the Treasury, would have the effect of increasing the nurses' remuneration by approximately 30 per cent. on the pre-war figure.

"France's Day" was celebrated in London on July 14th. We hope the appeal met with very generous support, as the British Committee of the French Red Cross needs thousands to help build up social conditions in the districts devastated by the brutal Hun.

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