

states that he was surprised to hear that the Nursing Bill had met with opposition from the medical profession, so his interest in the welfare of the nurses was maintained to the last. Only those who had the privilege of working with him can realise how deeply interested he was in the progress of the profession. His never-failing support of all our aims and ambitions certainly acted as a great stimulus to us in those early days. He was gifted with a rare mind and his talents were freely used for the benefit of others. He had no thought of self or of personal gain and his memory will be cherished as one of the greatest and most unselfish benefactors to the cause of the Nursing Profession in South Africa.

"We will remember him."

To his mother in England and to his relatives in this country we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

We hope to publish a few details of Dr. Tremble's career in the near future—gratitude is a graceful virtue.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford, Surrey.**—Miss Gladys M. Hardy, S.R.N., D.N. (Lond.), F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron of the Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford, Surrey, and will take up her new duties on June 1st in one of the loveliest districts in Southern England.

After terrible bombardment and destruction at the Battersea General Hospital, London, Miss Hardy was last year appointed Matron of the Mater Infirmorum Hospital at Belfast, where she introduced some reforms for the benefit of the nursing staff; but "England calling" was too strong, and she hopes to take up her work of organisation again, examining for the G.N.C., etc.

We welcome Miss Hardy "home" again. She has initiative and courage, qualities greatly valued in the nursing profession in these times of dominating lay control and depreciation of nursing standards.

### NEW OFFER TO DOCTORS.

Doctors have received from the Ministry of Health a document setting out new proposals in connection with the Government's projected National Health Service. They go a long way towards meeting the demand of the profession that the purely medical side of the service shall be in the hands of those who understand it, and that they shall develop it reasonably free from unprofessional control.

It is clear from the proposals that the scheme will preserve a measure of private practice side by side with the State service.

Let us hope that Nursing, so intimately concerned with medicine, will be included in liberation from lay control. The present policy of the Government is ruining Nursing as a profession for educated and intelligent women.

### NEW RECORD FOR BLOOD DONATIONS.

In the course of a single day's session, a mobile team operating from the Ministry of Health's Blood Transfusion Centre at Leeds recently collected blood from 820 donors, all of whom were Service Personnel at a military unit.

This is the highest number of donors ever dealt with by one team during one working day. The team consisted of one medical officer, assisted by 12 nurses, a blood grouping technician and a clerk, and worked from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

The next day the blood collected by the team was flown to the B.L.A. in Western Europe.

## THE WAR.

### A Prisoner is Freed.

#### I.

At first I dared not think that I was free.  
I longed to sleep, but feared to wake again  
To sound of alien voices, and the tramp  
Of weary feet, too eloquent of pain.

#### II.

I have not seen an English Spring for years,  
Did primrose petals always smell as sweet?  
Did the birds sing with such insistent joy?  
And were there always children's dancing feet?

#### III.

Pink blossom 'gainst a hyacinthine sky  
And daffodils beneath the blackthorn tree.  
Sweeter than flowers' fragrance after rain  
Is the enchantment born of being free.

#### IV.

Night—when the starry heavens bring delight.  
Then comes the miracle of dreamless sleep.  
My heart can hardly bear such ecstasy,  
—When thrushes sing at evertide—I weep.

H. Trevelyan-Thomson.

### "Pro Patria."

All that we wish to emphasise on war, but words fail us, is to place on record, now that the blessing of Peace is ours in Europe, the gratitude and veneration for the heroic men of all Allied Nations who have suffered for us—some unto death—their heroism has saved our beloved country, and let us hope secured for the world a higher standard of human existence for all time. For bereaved fathers, mothers and wives, life will hold forever hours of heartbreak; and yet the honour that the loved one gave his life for his country is no small solace.

### Victory Day.

Victory Day, May 8th, 1945! No one who took part in it will ever forget it; and its most significant and hopeful demonstration was the demand of the people for their King. From thousands surrounding Buckingham Palace, the cry went forth: "We want the King—we want the King." And over and over again, on a flood-lighted balcony, His Majesty and the Queen, together with the Princesses, were to be seen bowing and smiling, just "one of us."

Monarchy triumphant!

And no wonder. All through the five years of war, following the Royal example of the King, the people of Great Britain have lived up to a selfless standard.

As for glorious old London, for all the years in the front line of attack, it has been crashed and smashed and its heroic people killed, crippled and buried alive, and yet on VE Day heroism inspired its song and dance. Thanks be to God, Who gave us the Victory!

### The Army Nurse Corps.

From the office of the Surgeon-General, U.S.A., the Technical Information Division at Washington issues news notes of a very interesting nature.

From No. 10, just received, we quote the following paragraphs:—

#### THE ARMY NURSE CORPS.

In the words of Major-General Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon-General, the Army Nurse is living five years ahead of the Nursing Profession. She is handling new drugs, applying new treatments and working with the surgeons who are making history in medical circles during this war.

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