

just as real and much more repulsive than the scout who rides up to the strange kopje or the gunner who stands to his gun with a pom-pom quacking at him from the hill.

Let our statistics speak for themselves, and we make no claim to be more long-suffering than our neighbours. We have 3 on the staff (Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Scharlieb and myself). Four started, but one left us early in the proceedings. We have had 6 nurses, 5 dressers, 1 wardmaster, 1 washerman and 18 orderlies, or 32 in all, who actually came in contact with the sick. Out of the 6 nurses, 1 has died and 3 others have had enteric. Of the 5 dressers, 2 have had severe enteric. The wardmaster has spent a fortnight in bed with veld sores. The washerman has enteric. Of the 18 orderlies, 1 is dead and 8 others are down with enteric. So that out of a total of 34 we have 17 severe casualties—50 per cent.—in nine weeks. Two are dead and the rest incapacitated for the campaign, since a man whose heart has been cooked by a temperature over  $103^{\circ}$  is not likely to do hard work for another three months. If the war lasts nine more weeks, it will be interesting to see how many are left of the original *personnel*. When the scouts and the Lancers and the other picturesque people ride in procession through London, have a thought for the sallow orderly, who has also given of his best for his country. He is not a fancy man—you do not find them in enteric wards—but for solid work and quiet courage you will not beat him in all that gallant army.

#### ANTITYPHOID INOCULATION.

There is one mistake which we have made, and it is one which will not, I think, be repeated in any subsequent campaign. Inoculation for enteric was not made compulsory. If it had been so I believe that we should (and, what is more important, the army would) have escaped from most of its troubles. No doubt the matter will be fully threshed out in statistics, but our strong impression, from our own experience, is that, although it is by no means an absolute preventive, it certainly modifies the course of the disease very materially. We have had no death yet (*absit omen*) from among the inoculated, and more than once we have diagnosed the inoculation from the temperature chart before being informed of it. Of our own *personnel* only one inoculated man has had it, and his case was certainly modified very favourably by the inoculation.

#### THE SOLDIER IN HOSPITAL.

Of the courage and patience of the soldiers in hospital it