

TO PASS THE DOCTOR.

RUSSIAN FINN'S SACRIFICE.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.—Amongst those who presented themselves for enlistment in the Expeditionary Forces at the Victoria Barracks to-day was a Russian Finn. His application-form stated that he had not only served through the South African war, but had also been in the Australian Garrison Artillery. He was accepted for service again, and was passed both by the enrolling officer and the doctor. Joyfully he announced that he was once again going to fight for Australia. When asked the reason for his jubilation, he explained that when the war broke out he offered his services. He passed the enrolling officer, but when he was examined by a doctor, a growth was discovered at the base of his spine. He went straight to the hospital, was operated on, and had the growth removed. Some weeks later, when pronounced quite cured, he again passed the enrolling officer, but the doctor discovered a varicose vein in his left leg, extending from the groin to the ankle. He returned to the hospital and ordered the varicose vein to be removed. This was done, and no fewer than 84 stitches were inserted in the wound. For some weeks the patient was kept in the hospital until the wound was perfectly healed. To-day he faced the doctor for the third time, was passed, and is now a recruit ready to take his place with his Australian comrades.

Recruiting to-day generally showed a lower average than at the beginning of the year, but according to the enrolling officer the types of men offering were most satisfactory. A produce merchant with a business in the country was accepted. An architect, a solicitor, and a builder and contractor were also among the recruits.