

DURING the outbreak of enteric fever in the European garrison of Fort St. George last August, it was found necessary to detail a Nursing Sister to nurse the cases of fever in the Station Hospital, and Miss A. J. WATSON, of the Indian Nursing Service, attached to the Bangalore and Belgaum districts, was appointed for this duty. During her stay in Madras, Miss WATSON was put to the expense of living in an hotel, there being no quarters for Lady Nurses in Madras, and was compelled to hire a conveyance, besides being put to other incidental expenses which of necessity arose from her being away from the Home at Bangalore. Miss WATSON sought to recover the expenses from the Military Accounts Department, but her claim was refused in the absence of any regulations authorising it. The principal medical officer of the Madras Army, however, represented her case to the Government, backed by the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, in whose opinion the claim was a just one, as the duty in which Miss WATSON was engaged was solely performed in the interests of the British soldier. The Government, the *Madras Times* now learns, has sanctioned, as a special case, the grant to Miss WATSON of an allowance for the period she was employed at Madras, and also the refund to her of the carriage hire.

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FOUR candidates have been selected for the post of Lady Superintendent of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, one of whom is Miss POWER, who is taking temporary charge, and another Miss SMEDLEY, the Matron of Parkwood Convalescent Home and gold medallist of Barts. As public interest in very keen concerning this appointment, we regret we go to press the day before the election, and cannot, therefore, give the result in this week's issue. A very keen contest is also likely to accrue concerning the vacancy for a Matron at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea. This is a beautiful little Hospital, lately much enlarged. A new and commodious Nursing Home having been built, the spacious garden makes a delightful breathing space for the little inmates, and nothing can be more lovely than the Thames near this spot, with Battersea Park on its opposite bank.

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AN interesting ceremony took place at Bedford, on Wednesday last, when the re-opening of the Nurses' Institute in St. Peter's took place by the Duchess of BEDFORD, who then proceeded, on behalf of the subscribers, to present to Mrs. RAWSON, the Hon. Lady Superintendent, a testimonial, consisting of a purse of £60, and the following address:—"To Mrs. T. J. Rawson, Honorary Lady Superintendent of the Bedfordshire Institute for Hospital Trained

Nurses.—Madam, The re-opening, after enlargement, of the Bedfordshire Institute for Hospital Trained Nurses affords a fitting occasion for the public recognition of the energy and capacity which you have shown during the past five years in establishing this as a permanent Institution. Your excellent management, bestowed gratuitously, has secured for the town a real and lasting boon to the sick and suffering of all classes, rich and poor alike. We therefore beg your acceptance of this purse of £60 as an expression of our gratitude and esteem, and we pray that strength and encouragement may still be given to sustain you in the good work so well begun." In returning thanks on behalf of Mrs. RAWSON, Archdeacon MICHELL said she felt very deeply the sympathy that had been extended to her, which had been one of the greatest helps in the discharge of her arduous duties.

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WE regret to hear that, for the last six weeks, great numbers of private Nurses have been out of employment. We fear that during the yearly visitation of the influenza fiend, more than the normal number of Nurses were called into private work, and now that, happily, sickness is on the decrease, they are finding difficulty in obtaining work. For those who are able to do so, a short return to Hospital work is advantageous. Our Fever Hospitals are often in need of Nurses, and the experience gained in these Institutions is invaluable.

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THE Registered Nurses' Society has met weekly at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, for some time, and has now almost completed its organisation. The Office will be opened on Monday, the 23rd instant, at 269, Regent Street, from whence Nurses can be obtained. The uniform has been selected, and will consist of a soft blue washing twill and white cap and apron, the former being the shape and pattern which gained the first prize for exhibition at Chicago, and which was designed by Miss BESSIE DELLOW. It is fashioned after the Sister Dora pattern, edged with a narrow goffer of lace, with lace-edged strings to tie under the chin. The out-door uniform consists of dark blue Russian-shaped cloak, lined with grenat silk; a fine dark blue straw bonnet, trimmed with blue velvet and white muslin strings—a simple and becoming uniform, which, it is hoped, will be so worn as to be synonymous with all that is desirable a Nurse should be. The Brassard is not yet quite finished.

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MISS NANCY WINTER has lately opened a private Medical and Surgical Home at Saffron Walden, in Essex. The Home is pleasantly situated, and Miss WINTER has obtained the services of trained Nurses to help her in her work.

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