

Nurse Secretary. Her Royal Highness Princess VICTORIA of SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN will also receive a bouquet at the hands of Miss BEACHCROFT, Matron of the County Hospital, Lincoln.

A PARTY of the enlisted boys of the Royal Horse Artillery will greet the entrance of the President with a ceremonial flourish of trumpets, and the National Anthem will be played by the Blue Zouave Ladies' Orchestra.

SILKEN money-bags and rosettes of the British colours—red, white, and blue—will be worn by the stall-holders and their assistants, so that they can be at once distinguished.

WE are requested to make it known that stall-holders can begin to arrange their stalls on Wednesday evening, and that it would be best to have all goods delivered at the Grafton Galleries on that day. On Thursday, as the bazaar opens at 2.30, it is requested that all stall-holders will be at the Gallery by 1.45 p.m.

IT gives us great pleasure to report that an entirely new set of regulations has been adopted by the Committee, and will soon be in force at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth; and we congratulate the Committee and the Matron, Miss H. HOPKINS, upon the fact that for the future no certificate will be granted for less than a full term of three years' training in the wards. We are glad to hear that the Committee fully recognise the importance of registration of trained Nurses, and, in justice to their Nurses, desire that the curriculum of the school over which they so ably preside, should qualify for this important step. A private staff of Nurses will still be maintained, and very liberal terms have been arranged for the Nurses who work upon it. Naturally, salaries cannot be so high in the country as in the Metropolis—this is recognised by medical men, and must be accepted by Nurses.

REGULATIONS for admission to the Army Nursing Service were issued from the War Office on Saturday. Candidates for appointment must not be under twenty-five or over thirty-five years of age, and must have had at least three years' training and service in a civil general Hospital. They will be required to furnish a register of birth, or declaration of such before a magistrate, a recommendation as to character from some person of social position, certificates of health and efficiency, and a recommendation from the Matron of the Civil Hospital at which they were trained. The pay of Lady Superintendents is to commence at £150, rising to £200 per annum, and Nursing Sisters at £30, rising to £50. Nursing Sisters acting as Superin-

tendents will receive £20 per annum in addition. Thirty days' leave, with pay, will be allowed annually. Retirement will be compulsory at sixty years of age, pensions being granted according to length of service.

A CORRESPONDENT in the Isle of Wight writes:—"Mr. BALDWIN LATHAM, who has been for the past few days investigating the cause of the outbreak of typhoid fever at Newport, Isle of Wight, has pronounced that it has arisen from contaminated water. Polluted water supply is, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, at the root of any sudden outbreak of typhoid, and Newport has proved no exception to the rule. Mr. LATHAM's investigations have brought some instructive facts to light. It appears that the source of the town's supply of water is in the chalk; that the reservoir is of chalk without concrete or cement to prevent soakage of sewage, and that the reservoir has not been cleaned out since 1882.

A strong recommendation was made, some two years since, to the Local Board, that the condition of the reservoir necessitated immediate attention and a thorough cleansing, but the recommendation passed unheeded, with the natural result of the present serious outbreak of disease.

Mr. LATHAM now insists that the reservoir should be immediately cleansed, and the water mains flushed: that the interior of the chalk reservoir should be concreted to prevent soakage of sewage, and that a deep cemented trench shall be placed round the reservoir to prevent the admission of surface-water, which, at present, is pouring into and polluting the town water at its source.

Very severe comments are heard on all sides on the fact that the local authorities of Newport are advertising for District Nurses to work at a salary of *fifteen shillings a week* among the typhoid-stricken poor of the town. One advertisement reads:—

WANTED (immediately), for temporary duty, a Lady District NURSE. Thoroughly-trained, strong, energetic, experienced in typhoid fever. Salary 15s. a week, laundry, board, lodging.

So a "lady," "thoroughly-trained," and "experienced in typhoid," is expected at Newport to undertake the arduous work, the long hours, the anxiety, and the mental and physical wear and tear of a typhoid epidemic for a "temporary" fifteen shillings a week.

True, a munificent assurance of board and lodging is thrown in, but it is not stated whether the "board" is to include the drinking of sewage contaminated water, nor whether the lodging is to be in one of the badly-drained insanitary houses for which Newport is now famous.

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