

branches of the Service have attained during this war.

"I should like to see thoroughness in the administrative control, and I should like to see the doctors actually doctors, and not mere clerks with a dash of medical knowledge.

"The cadre system is inevitable. We could not be expected to afford a full equipment and staff for field hospitals and base hospitals while the Army itself is on a peace footing. But with organisers who can be trusted to have the whole system in swing—you will need sharp, ruthless men for the job—within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the word 'mobilise' that should not matter.

"The orderlies should receive a more thorough training, and should be men of rather a higher class than those we now employ. Some of the orderlies now employed are to my knowledge ordinary Tommies without any special education in their work. The rigour of the game as played by the most thoroughgoing exponents of aseptic surgery should be imposed on them.

TRAINED ARMY NURSES.

"The trained Army nurses are wonderful women. No praise can be too high for them. But when they need assistance care should be taken that the nurses called to their aid are also thoroughly trained.

"Mr. Treves was quite right about "the plague of women." In enteric cases especially a well-intentioned woman is a positive danger to the patient unless her intentions be equalled by her training, skill, and lightness of touch.

"I attach great importance to the last point, for I know what it is when one cannot move to be turned over from side to side by a strapping woman with fingers as thick as piano keys and as rough as sand paper.

"On the other hand, the patient almost worships a nurse who can move him deftly and gently. In some surgical cases deftness of touch in the nurse is half the patient's battle. A nurse with clod-hopper fingers will often raise his temperature and put him back a day. Therefore the reserve of nursing sisters should be well paid by a retaining fee and carefully selected.

PITILESS REORGANISATION WANTED.

"What I hope for as the result of Lord Justice Romer's Commission is a pitiless reorganisation of the Royal Army Medical Corps, without regard to vested interests. Half the principal medical officers should be permanently 'Stellenbosched.' Given a strong military administrative element in the corps, the next step is to induce a higher professional standard among the medical members.

"The reserve must be organised and put on a

sound footing as regards the professional standing and the immediate availability of its members. And, finally, the voter incarnate must not think that the question can be solved by crying 'Monstrous, monstrous!' and acquiescing with a show of cheerfulness in a penny on the income tax.

"Somebody must see to it that when the groaning citizen pays for efficient treatment of wounded and sick men he gets his money's worth.

"That is a matter for the medical members of the House of Commons."

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS I. GRACE STEUART has been appointed Matron of the Sherburn Hospital, Durham. She was trained for a short time at St. Thomas' Hospital, and subsequently at the Middlesex Hospital. After some years of private nursing she was appointed Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Sisters' Institute in Devonshire Square, which appointment she resigned some few months ago. Miss Steuart holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

MISS ANNIE BEATRICE MAUDSON has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Swaffham. She was trained and certificated at the Royal Hants County Hospital, where she also held the position of Sister. The posts subsequently held by her have been—Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Hayes; Charge Nurse at the Hospital, Lowestoft; Sister in Charge of a Medical Home, Buckhurst Hill, and Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Bridport.

NIGHT SISTER.

MISS ELSIE WALLWORTH has been appointed Night Sister at the Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds. She holds a certificate of three years' training at the Dundee Royal Infirmary; for eighteen months she was on the staff of the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and for the past 2½ years has held a Sister's post at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children at Brighton.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS HEATON, who was trained at the Burnley Infirmary, has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Chippenham Workhouse Infirmary.

Resignation.

MISS GRACE WILLIAMSON, who was recently appointed Sister at the Crown Princess of Greece's Children's Hospital, Athens, has been compelled to give up the post.

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