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Editorial.

**THE QUEEN'S IMPERIAL MILITARY
NURSING SERVICE.**

UNDER the Royal Warrant, issued as Special Army Orders, the Nursing Board governing Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service is constituted as follows:—

President: Her Majesty the Queen.

Vice-President: The Countess Roberts.

Chairman: The Director-General, Army Medical Service, or, in his absence, Surgeon-General A. Keogh, C.B.

Two Members of the Advisory Board: Sir F. Treves, K.C.V.O., C.B., and Major W. G. Macpherson, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Matron-in-Chief: Miss Sidney Browne (temporary).

Two Matrons of Civil Hospitals: Miss Gordon (Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital), and Miss Monk (Sister-Matron of King's College Hospital).

Representative of the India Office: To be named later by the Secretary of State for India.

Two Members to be Nominated by Her Majesty: Viscountess Downe and the Hon. Sydney Holland.

For the first time in the history of a Government Nursing Department the value of expert professional help is thus officially recognised. We congratulate the Secretary of State for War that his Department has been the first to inaugurate this much needed reform.

The appointment of Miss Sidney J. Browne as Matron-in-Chief will be generally welcome to the nursing profession, for by her personality and professional work Miss Browne has gained widespread affection and respect from those of her colleagues with whom she has come in contact. The appointment is announced as temporary, but we much hope that it may ultimately become permanent. In any case it is much that the organisation of the new Imperial Military Nursing Service should be in the hands of so competent, courageous, and true a woman as Miss Browne, and we confidently look forward to a bright future for the Army Nursing Service under her able direction.

The new Matron-in-Chief has been a member of the Army Nursing Service since 1883, and during this time has twice seen active service. She was stationed at Suez and Suakin during the Egyptian War in 1884-85, and was sent out to South Africa as Superintendent of Nurses, No. III. General Hospital in 1899, and has worked there through the whole of the

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