

ferent rates of expenditure, and in Burmah and the North I believe the expenses are greater. My experience lay in an exceptionally good place.

Leave Season has also to be considered. Railway journeys are expensive on account of the great distances, and although the kindness and hospitality of new friends is exceptionally great, unless you have old friends or relatives in the country, the loss of home is felt more at this time than any other.

To my mind the Indian Service recommends itself more especially to those who have relatives or friends in India; daughters of officers in the Military, Army Medical, and Civil Services.

It is also a service better suited to those who are possessed of some private means—not necessarily very great. Those connected with it know how largely this conduces to a Sister's happiness of mind in times when it is impossible to save anything.

There is one cause of common complaint among the Sisters in the Nursing Service. They are what they consider unjustifiably mulct in the income tax. I am informed that the officers of the Medical Staff are exempt from the income tax, so why the females connected with the Medical Service should be liable to its payment is a problem which the Nursing Sisters would like the Solons in authority at the India Office to solve. Upon the very face of it, it appears unjust. Combatant Officers pay no income tax. The reasoning is that non-combatants are merely civil servants. The Nursing Sisters would accept this explanation as satisfactory if the Nursing Service and Medical Staff were treated equally in this matter. I understand this is not so, but my information is not infallible; if it be so, I consider the Nursing Sisters have a just ground of complaint.

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Saturday, December 1st, to meet some of the Irish Members of the General Medical Council with a view to considering the desirability of forming a National Branch of the Association in Ireland. H.R.H. the President took the Chair at 5 p.m. Sir John Banks, Physician to Her Majesty; Dr. Wm. Moore, Physician to Her Majesty; Dr. L. Athill, Dr. Charles Moore, and Dr. J. Kidd, each expressed their interest in, and great desire to see the requirements and objects of the Royal British Nurses' Association enforced in Ireland, but pointed out difficulties which rendered any immediate efforts to establish a National Branch undesirable, though all anticipated the right moment arriving at no distant date, especially if H.R.H. the

President would graciously visit Ireland for the purpose. Sir Dyce Duckworth, Mr. Brudenell Carter, Dr. Bezly Thorne, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick emphasized the difficulties surmounted, and improved position of Nurses, resulting from the seven years' successful labours of the Royal British Nurses' Association; and the very interesting meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to H.R.H. the President for graciously presiding, proposed by Sir J. Banks, seconded by Dr. Kidd, preceded by a cordial vote of thanks to the Irish Members of the General Medical Council, for attending the meeting, proposed by Mr. Herbert Page, and seconded by H.R.H. the President.

An immense number of valuable, useful, and ornamental articles have been most gratefully received for the Bazaar during the week at the Offices. Each kind contributor has had her gift acknowledged at once on a post card. Owing to the immense press of office work, the Secretary much regrets the impossibility of publishing a detailed list, but begs to assure all members and friends of the Association that their liberality and interest in the Association is most heartily appreciated, and gratefully recognised.

Nurse Everson, M.R.B.N.A., has been promoted to the post of Day Charge Nurse at the Holborn Infirmary, Highgate, and is to be congratulated on this step after 12 months' night duty.

Copies of the Charter and Bye-laws in pamphlet form can now be obtained at the Offices, price 6d.

ALICE RAVENHILL *Secretary of the Corporation.*

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THE Quarterly Meeting of the Nurses' Home of Rest took place, last week, at 79, Harley Street, at which Lady JEUNE took the Chair. Her Royal Highness the President graciously expressed her regret at not being present, as she was engaged at another meeting in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association. A satisfactory report was presented for the last three months' work. Eighty-eight Nurses had visited the Home since the last Meeting, and numerous expressions of satisfaction had been received. Owing to the kindness of Mrs. FREDERICK BEER, a cheque for £50 had been received as the result of a concert given by her for the benefit of the Home. Mrs. BEER had also generously paid every expense in connection with the concert, and sent her annual subscription of £10 10s. Mrs. LIONEL LUCAS most generously continued to meet the necessary expenses of the

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