

Ladies' Hospital Committee in an administrative capacity.

And now for a word on the price of doctors and nurses, and please American women note, if these matters have not been arranged for you at the War Office. We learn, on the authority of the Under-Secretary of State for War, that Sir W. MacCormac and Mr. Treves are to receive at the rate of £5,000 a year; that the civilian surgeons who are to supplement the Army Medical Staff are to be paid at the rate of £365 a year, with a horse and allowance of a Captain, and on the conclusion of their service they will be entitled to a gratuity of two months' pay. This is fair.

But how about the nurses? A nurse, that is an experienced trained woman, will receive at the rate of £40 a year and allowances, and a gratuity of £20 on cessation of duty; or for their skilled services our Nursing Sisters are to be paid at the rate (with salary and bonus per annum) of about 3s. 3d. a day. This is exactly West End scrubber's wages, and less per an eight-hour day, than the casual docker commands and receives.

The little sum stands thus:—

	£	s.	d.
Big Surgeons per day	13	14	0
Little Surgeons „	1	0	0
Nursing Sisters „	0	3	3

How does this strike the British tax-payers, of whom many are women? Is it equitable?



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We own it appears to us terribly demoralising that such a sum should be offered to educated nurses for their skilled and invaluable services to the nation's soldiers in their time need. We hope it may at least strike American women that the work of their nation's nurses is of more value than that of the "scrub-lady" or unskilled docker.

We are quite aware, in making this comparison, that hundreds of England's nurses would willingly forego any pay whatever. But the economic

element of the question is not, therefore, the less important. We blame the Committee of the Army Nursing Reserve for putting this low value on English military nursing.

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