

and nurses sent on active service, in last week's issue, have aroused interest and indignation. The Committee of the Army Nursing Service Reserve, as at present constituted, no doubt consider their terms quite equitable, because plenty of nurses will volunteer at the price; but we would point out that plenty of trained nurses would volunteer if they received no pay at all. A salary of £40, and 3s. a day for food and washing, in a costly place like South Africa, and an annual allowance of £4 7s. od. for clothes, is far from sufficient, even with strict economy, and compares very unfavourably with the most liberal allowances of the medical staff.

We calculate that the six weeks' passage out and home will result in the "Big Surgeons" receiving the nice little round sum of £576 18s. od. Not bad for a six weeks' delightful trip at sea!

In this connection, it is useful to compare the provision made for pay in the Army "Nursing Service" Bill, to be brought before Congress at an early date, drawn up by the leading Matrons, and such women as Mrs. Winthrop Cowdin, of the United States.

Section 6 states:—"That the salary of the Superintendent of Nurses shall be three thousand dollars (£600) per annum.

The salary of the Assistant Superintendent of Nurses shall be two thousand dollars (£400) per annum.

The salary of the Chief of Nurses shall be eighty-five dollars (£17) a month or £204 per annum.

The salary of Head Nurses shall be fifty dollars (£10) a month, or £120 per annum.

The salary of Assistant Nurses shall be forty dollars (£8), or £96 per annum.

The salary for probationers in army preparatory schools shall be thirty dollars (£6) a month, or £72 per annum.

*Provided.* That in addition to the salaries above provided each woman member of the Commission, the Superintendent of Nurses, and each nurse in the Woman's Nursing Service shall be entitled to transportation and necessary expenses when travelling.

*And provided further.* That the nurses herein provided for, except the Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of Nurses shall be entitled to subsistence, uniforms, laundry, medical attendance, nursing, and medicines during illness."

When organizing the Volunteer Corps of Nurses to work in the Græco-Turkish War, we suggested, and obtained, for every nurse a salary of £2 2s. od. a week, £15 for kit and uniform outfit, and £5 for incidental expenses, all found. And taking into consideration the exhausting nature of the duties and climate, the inferior food, and risks to health, we consider this remuneration very moderate for the well trained and highly cultured women who are essential for nursing and maintaining discipline when on active duty in war time in a foreign land.

And we consider it nothing less than a scandal that such a scale of wages—we can't call it salary—should have been suggested by Dr. Bezly Thorne and the men who helped him to remove the organization of the Volunteer Nursing Service from the hands of the experienced hospital Matrons who were on the inaugural Committee. That the nurses' true interests were bound to suffer was a foregone conclusion.

The conference of the chief officers of the Central Committee of the German Red Cross Society, with the representatives of the Provincial Committee, has ended in the decision to request all the German Provincial Committees to organise subscriptions for rendering aid under the Red Cross in the Transvaal War.

The Italian Red Cross Society are arranging to send large quantities of lemons and other fruits to South Africa for the British sick soldiers. They will also send supplies of medicines for the Boer sick and wounded, which, it is understood, are urgently required.

The British colony at Florence have opened a subscription list for the benefit of the British sufferers by the war in South Africa.

The cartoonists poke great fun at "Oom Paul" and "John Bull," and from the "Novoe Vremya" we have a pathetic sketch representing Dr. Chamberlain bleeding John Bull, whose head bristles out of a full sack, from which golden sovereigns flow out into pails marked "Transvaal."

"John Bull": "I feel bad, doctor. Isn't it enough?"

"Dr. Chamberlain" (who, by-the-by, is portrayed with an aquiline nose): "Not yet. This is just what a full-blooded individual should have."

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