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**Editorial.**

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**W**E come now to consider the Report of the Committee on the re-organisation of the Army Nursing Service, in detail. The first essential point of the new scheme is that the Nursing Services for the regular Army and the Indian Army are placed together under one Board, a fact which strengthens our suggestion made last week that the Nursing of the Royal Navy might be also amalgamated under the same controlling body, thus creating a veritable Imperial Nursing Service. And the fact that Her Majesty is made the President of the whole Nursing Service must conduce both to the efficiency and the high popularity of the department amongst the nursing profession.

Then we pass to the constitution of the Nursing Board. The Chairman is to be the Director-General of the Army Medical Service or an Officer nominated by him, and there are to be two members of the Advisory Board of the Army Medical Service, of whom one shall be a civilian—that is to say, a physician or surgeon attached to a civil hospital—and the

other presumably an Army Medical Officer; the Matron in Chief; and three Matrons of large Civil hospitals with medical schools; one representative of the India Office, presumably a medical officer; and two members to be nominated by Her Majesty. In other words, there are to be four medical officers and four nurses, and to maintain the balance it is to be hoped that Her Majesty will appoint a doctor and a nurse.

With reference to the method of appointment of the Board, the Director-General holds his seat ex-officio; one member of the Advisory Board will presumably be appointed by that Board; the three Matrons and the civilian member of the Advisory Board will be appointed by the Secretary of State for War, and the representative of the India Office by the Secretary of State for India. But who is to appoint the Matron in Chief? We can find no statement as to this, nor for what term of office the Matron in Chief shall be appointed. It is presumable that she will be appointed for at least five years, because the pay of the appointment is stated to be £250 a year, rising by annual increments of £10 to £300. It is almost needless to observe that the whole success of the

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