

Insisting upon the absolute necessity of proper training for all engaged in nursing, Dr. Worcester argued in favour of nurses in every training school being afforded the chance of going out into service in district training. It was not fair, in his judgment, to nurses not to train them in "this distinct and important branch of the profession." He claimed that while the science of nursing could best be taught in hospital wards, the art of nursing could best be taught in the sick chamber, and concluded by affirming his conviction that if doctors could only find time to tell the difference in the scene of the birth of a child with no nurse; in the sickness of the mother or the father; in the death of the child or the aged; the difference between the situation where there is a nurse and where there is none; "every single man and woman belonging to the Christian churches would feel it to be a duty above every other to make sure that henceforth no child in the neighbourhood or the city of Boston should ever again be born without a loving welcome awaiting it; and that no man or woman, however, much of a wreck, should ever hereafter be allowed to die unattended."

The Concentration Camps.

News comes from Pretoria that all the Concentration Camps in the Transvaal have now been placed under the control of Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, who has had much experience of Indian famine camps, some of which are as large as all the Transvaal camps combined. He is dealing in a methodical manner with infectious diseases under the system which has been found to work excellently in India by establishing in connection with each camp "contact," "observation," and "isolation" departments. The rations also have been increased by one-third, and there is a marked improvement in the health and cheerfulness of the inmates of all the camps.

State Registration of Nurses.

We are always glad to note any expression of opinion on the part of the public on the registration question, and we observe with pleasure that at the Annual Meeting of the subscribers to the Institution of Trained Nurses for the Town and County of Leicester, Mr. S. F. Stone, said "Training in every work was necessary, and he thought that this was especially so with regard to a nurse's work, for when their friends were ill, they wanted a nurse in whom they could place great trust. He thought the time might come when the registration of nurses would be insisted upon in England. In New Zealand and Cape Colony nurses were registered, and good results had been obtained in consequence."

The Queen's Nursing Service.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

APPOINTMENT.

682A. Appointments as nurses in our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service shall be given to persons duly qualified under regulations approved by our Secretary of State.

PAY.

682B. The pay of our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service shall be as follows:—

	Initial rate.	Annual Increment.	Maximum.
Matron-in-chief	£250 0 0	£10 0 0	£300 0 0
Principal matron	150 0 0	5 0 0	180 0 0
Matron ...	70 0 0	5 0 0	120 0 0
Sister ...	37 10 0	2 10 0	50 0 0
Nurse ...	30 0 0	2 10 0	35 0 0

A matron may be granted charge pay at a rate not exceeding £30 a year, according to the magnitude of her charge.

682c. A member of the Army Nursing Service Reserve, called up for duty, shall receive pay at the rate of £40 a year. If appointed to a higher position than that of sister, she shall receive the pay of such higher grade.

682d. Pay may be issued in advance for a period not exceeding one month, prior to embarkation for service abroad.

682e. The pay of the female servant appointed to attend on the nursing sisters at Netley and Woolwich shall be £25 a year, and at other hospitals £15 a year, rising by annual increments of £1 to £20 a year.

PAY DURING LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

682f. Pay during ordinary leave of absence may be granted in each financial year for the following periods:—

Matron-in-chief	.. ..	6 weeks.
Principal Matron	.. ..	6 "
Matron...	.. ..	6 "
Sister ..	.. ..	5 "
Nurse ..	.. ..	4 "

Pay may be granted for accumulated leave of absence during service at a station abroad.

628h. Pay during leave of absence on account of injury or sickness may be granted as under:—

(a) When the injury or sickness is certified by the regulated medical authority to have been caused by the service, full pay may be issued for a period of 12 months, and half-pay for such further period as sick leave may be granted.

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