

"682k. If pensioned on account of disability, one year of service in a tropical climate may count as two years towards pension.

"682l. She shall be entitled to retire on pension after 10 years' service if she is rendered unfit for hospital duty through disease or injury, certified by the regulated medical authority to have been caused by the Service.

"682m. She may at any time be required to retire on account of unfitness for the duties of her appointment, with such gratuity as she may be entitled to under Article 682r.

"682n. The pension shall be calculated on the rate of pay at the time of retirement, and shall, after 10 years' service, be 30 per cent. of such pay, with an additional 2 per cent. for each year of service in excess of 10, up to a maximum of 70 per cent. of such pay.

"In any case of special devotion to duty, a higher pension, not exceeding £50 a year, may be granted.

"682p. If disabled in the Service, after five but under 10 years' service, such rate of pension below that fixed in Article 682n shall be granted as may be determined by Our Secretary of State. If she has served for less than five years when disabled, she shall receive a gratuity, to be determined in like manner.

"682r. A member of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service retired under Article 682m may, provided she has not been guilty of misconduct, be granted a gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service, if not entitled to a pension under Article 682n.

"682s. In cases where a member of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service is pensioned for a disability not permanently unfitting her for duty, the pension shall cease on the date when she again becomes fit for duty, unless there should then be no vacancy, in which case, should she be willing to continue her service, she may remain on pension for a period not exceeding one year, pending a vacancy.

"682t. A member of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service retiring without having previously obtained permission to do so shall forfeit all claim to pension or gratuity."

(Extract from the Allowance Regulations.)

#### Allowances.

"690. An allowance in lieu of board and washing at the rate of 15s. a week at a home station, or of 21s. a week at a station abroad, will be granted to each member of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. A special allowance for the provision of clothing will also be granted, except to the matron-in-chief, at the following rates:—

"Annual clothing and cloak allowance abroad...£9  
" " " " at home...£8

"An allowance of 10s. 6d. a week for board, &c., will be granted to the servant appointed to attend on the members of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. The other allowances at stations abroad, including the allowance for servants, will be at such rates, not exceeding those of a departmental officer of subaltern rank, as the Secretary of State may determine."

(To be continued.)

## The League of St. John's House Nurses.



A meeting of the Executive Committee of the League of St. John's House Nurses was held at St. John's House on Saturday last. The President was in the chair.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, eleven applications for membership of the League were considered and accepted. A specially interesting application was that of Mrs. Grace Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Asylums in New Zealand, who wrote expressing her cordial sympathy with the objects of the League, and also thanking the members for their letter of congratulation to her on the success of her efforts to obtain legal status for nurses in New Zealand. The date of the general meeting and social gathering was arranged for Thursday, November 6th.

The next business was the consideration of a resolution:—"That a yearly subscription be paid to the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses." It was agreed that, as the League had adopted as one of its objects the furtherance of the principle of State Registration of Trained Nurses, it should, as a League, take steps practically to advance this programme, and it was unanimously agreed to send an annual subscription to the Society which had been formed to obtain an Act of Parliament providing for the Legal Registration of Nurses. The Hon. Secretary, Miss Mary Burr, who has rendered valuable service to the League since its foundation, announced that she would be out of England until the spring, and asked the Executive to appoint some other member to act as her *locum tenens*. Mrs. Day, Matron of the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, who was present, kindly undertook the duties of the office.

Some further business having been transacted, the meeting terminated.

## The "Bart.'s" League.

Mrs. Walter Spencer, who has earned the gratitude of the whole League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses by the way in which she has fulfilled the onerous duties connected with its hon. secretaryship, has now handed over the business of the League to Mrs. G. F. Wates, as her term of office has come to an end. Members of the League are therefore asked kindly to note that notices of appointments, change of address, annual and other subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Wates, 91, Tyrwhitt Road, St. John's, S.E.

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