

Army Nursing News.

THE NEW MILITARY HOSPITAL, MILLBANK.

The new Military Hospital, which for some time has been rising on the site of the former prison at Millbank, and a picture of which is published on this page, will, when completed have accommodation for over 300 patients.

The majority of the cases received will be acute. The new Matron, as we announced last week, will be Miss Beatrice Jones, who has a good record of both civil and military nursing work, and who had experience of military nursing during time of war in South Africa. The benefit of such a hospital in London will no doubt be felt throughout the Military Service. Its nursing home is not yet built, and for the present the staff will be accommodated in houses in St. George's Square, and will go backwards and forwards to the hospital.

The hospital staff will consist of six Sisters and fifteen nurses and some extra nurses will be attached to the staff for service, as required in the Military Hospital, four being always in the Home ready for calls that may come.

Amongst the new departures in the Military Service it is being arranged that the members of the Nursing Service who have been abroad shall have post-graduate experience in the wards of a civil hospital, and already some of the members have had this experience in King's, Guy's, and Westminster Hospitals. Eventually it is hoped that all the nursing staff may, every five years, obtain such experience either in a civil or military hospital.

The King has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Mrs. K. Boyd (*née* Driver) in recognition of her services in tending the sick and wounded at the Volunteer Hospital at Intombi, near Ladysmith, during the late war in South Africa.

It is notified in Army Orders that the King has approved of a new pattern ribbon to be worn with the badge of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. The ribbon authorised by Army Order 125 of 1904 will no longer be worn. Non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who have been authorised, under Army Order 125 of 1904, to wear the badge and ribbon of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service will also wear the new ribbon in place of the old. The following new paragraph will be inserted on page 3 of the regulations for admission to the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, 1904:—"8A. A collar badge in white and gilded metal, or silver and silver-gilt, is to be worn on the points of the collar of the cloaks by members of all ranks."

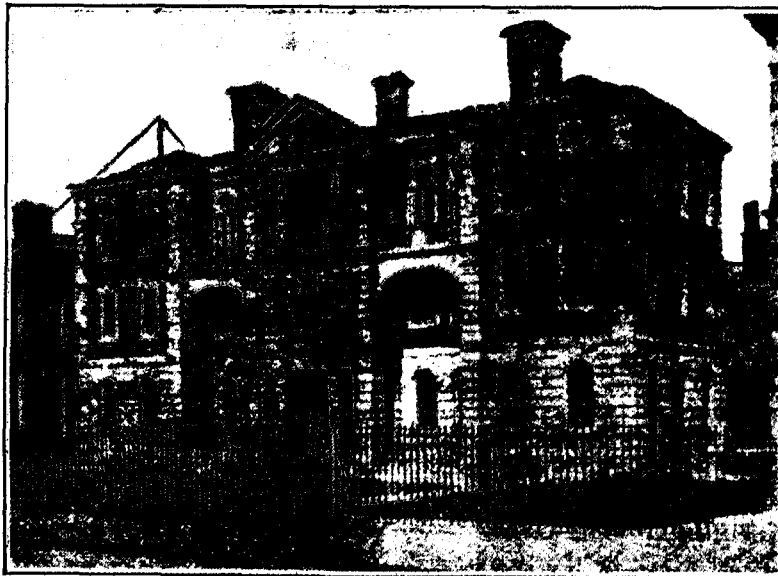
At Netley Hospital one of the Staff Nurses has with excellent results been acting as instructress in

Massage. The men have benefited much by her instructions, and it is probable that the appointment will be a permanent one. We understand that the nurse will shortly be appointed to the position of Sister.

It is a great pleasure to all who have the interest of Army Nursing at heart to note how, since the ap-

pointment of a Matron-in-Chief, who has her official quarters at the War Office, and whose expert advice is available at any time to the heads of this department, one after another, measures are planned and introduced which cannot fail to promote the efficiency of the Military Nursing Service.

As one illustration of this we learn that it is proposed for the future that accommodation shall be provided in Netley Hospital for such members of the Nursing Service as may require medical or surgical care when returning from foreign service. Up to the present, while sick officers have been able to receive every care at Netley, there has been no accommodation for sick Sisters and Nurses.



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