

reformed their system they had no further use for her—but in woollen gown and purple ribbons she lingered long at Middlesex. We need drop no tear at her departure, but let us remember with gratitude her usefulness in the past. She provided many of our most devoted pioneers, who with wit and courage attacked and helped to sweep away conditions in our hospitals which were discreditable to us as a nation, and to make our nursing system, imperfect as it is, the best in the world.

We are officially informed that existing vacancies for Staff-Nurses in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service will be filled at once. The initial rate of pay of Staff-Nurses in this Service is £40, rising annually by an increase of £2 10s. to a maximum of £45.

In the higher ranks of the Service the pay is as follows:—

	Initial Rate.	Annual Increase.	Maximum.
	£	£	£
Matron-in-Chief ...	300	10	350
Principal Matron ...	175	10	205
Matron ...	75	10	150
Sister ...	50	5	65

A Matron or Sister in charge of a hospital will also be granted charge pay at the rate not exceeding £30 per annum according to the magnitude of her charge.

All members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service are required to take their turn of foreign service.

Applicants must be of good social position and between the ages of 25 and 35, and must possess a certificate of not less than three years' training and service in medical and surgical nursing in a civil hospital of not less than 100 beds, and recognised by the Advisory Board.

Full particulars as to the conditions of service and forms of application for admission can be obtained by applying to the Secretary of the War Office, 68, Victoria Street, S.W., or personally to the Matron-in-Chief, at the same address, who will see candidates on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

When it is remembered that members of the Service are provided with furnished quarters and servants, and allowances for board, uniform and washing, and that they are entitled to retire on a pension at the age of 50, it is apparent that the terms of service compare favourably with those offered in other branches of nursing work. Take the nurses working in connection with Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, for instance, where a very usual salary is £30 per annum, with no pension to look forward to; and the salaries of hospital sisters, who

with their manifold responsibilities seldom receive more than £40 per annum, the initial salary of staff nurses in the Army.

A substantial addition to the income of Cottage Hospitals is often made in kind on what is known as "Pound Day." Recently a very successful garden sale, arranged by Miss Pearson, the Matron, and the members of the nursing staff, was held in the grounds of the Acton Cottage Hospital, on behalf of the funds. In connection with the affair the nurses had previously disposed of upwards of five hundred shilling tickets, and this, with the proceeds from the sale of gifts sent to the hospital on "Pound Day," promises to total a substantial amount to be forwarded to the treasurer.

A scheme was brought before the Warmley Guardians by Mr. J. R. Torrance, who had represented the District Council at a meeting held in Gloucester concerning the acquirement of nurses for epidemic needs. He reported that the proposition was made that the nurses should come from hospitals fully staffed, where no epidemic existed at the time, and that they should be borrowed for hospitals where epidemics existed. A discussion took place on the terms to be arranged for such nursing, and the outcome was that it was considered desirable that two registers of such nurses should be kept; one for Gloucestershire and one for Worcestershire. In case of need, application would be made at the register centre. The fees would be one and a-half guineas per week for trained nurses, and a guinea for probationers in respect of small-pox cases, and for other diseases, one guinea for trained nurses per week and 15s. for probationers. He thought the arrangement would be splendid, as they could have a hospital of their own, with a caretaker, and engage a nurse when necessary.

We have no hesitation in saying that a trained nurse should be in charge of every isolation hospital. It is impossible otherwise that cases admitted, many of which are frequently of an urgent nature, should be efficiently dealt with at once, and lives may be lost while a trained nurse is being secured.

It is now fourteen years since Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nurses began work in Aberdeen, and untold is the good they have accomplished in that time. The number of visits paid during the last quarter was 693, but, sad to say, there is a considerable diminution in the subscriptions and donations, and the committee are unable to suggest any means of augmenting the

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