

found qualified, will be confirmed as Sick Berth Attendants. During the probationary period they receive 9s. 4d. a week besides provisions, and as Sick Berth Attendant, after training, begin at 12s. 3d. per week, rising (as Chief Sick Berth Steward) to a maximum of 31s. 6d. Various additions to pay can be obtained, and men on long leave are granted 8½d. a day in lieu of provisions. The men are provided with free medical attendance and medicines, and after 22 years' service are granted pensions. Chief Sick Berth Stewards are eligible for selection for advancement to Warrant Rank, as there are eight posts of Head Ward Master or Warrant Officer. In this case they receive £25 on promotion towards the expense of their outfit, and their pay ranges from 5s. 6d. to 9s. a day. They are pensioned at 55, and pensions are also granted to their widows, and "compassionate allowances" to their children.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Chelsea Infirmary on Wednesday in last week, when, by the invitation of the Matron, Miss Barton, a number of matrons and nurses from other infirmaries, as well as the Chelsea Infirmary staff, assembled to hear addresses on the National Insurance Act. The Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Mr. Banbury, presided, and Miss Potter and Miss Amy Hughes spoke of the measure as it affected women generally and nurses in particular.

The Local Government Board have just sanctioned an increase of £5 a year in the salaries of Ward Sisters at the Edmonton Infirmary, such salaries after October next to begin at £35, rising by £2 10s. a year to £40. The appointment of a Massage and Theatre Sister has also been sanctioned at a salary of £40 a year.

Many nurses will, we feel sure, be glad to know where they or their patients can be received at Bournemouth as paying guests on most moderate terms. The illustration on the previous page is of "Sunbeam," 86, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, the residence of the Misses Cureton, which is in the highest and most bracing part of Bournemouth, close to the golf links. The sea, pine woods, and lovely country are also easily accessible. Miss M. N. Cureton is well known and honoured by many nurses as Matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, for a number of years, and they will know that any of her visitors will not only be well cared for, but made comfortable and

happy. The garden which surrounds the house is always gay with flowers, for Miss Cureton is one of those people who seems able without effort to make them do as she wills, and they thrive and blossom most luxuriantly. Trams to all parts of the town, as well as a church and Post Office, are within five minutes' walk, so that "Sunbeam" is very conveniently situated. The terms on which invalids and guests are received are as follows:—Guests, 2½ guineas; invalids, 3 guineas; nurses accompanying them, 30s.; and nurses alone, 25s. per week. The sanitation of the house has been examined and certified by the authorities. Nurses would, we feel sure, find Bournemouth a very pleasant centre for a holiday, and they could have no kinder hostesses than the Misses Cureton.

A meeting, presided over by the Mayor, was held recently at Chard, Somerset, to consider the nursing and midwifery needs of Chard, Crewkerne, and District. Clear and instructive addresses were delivered by Miss Hughes, General Superintendent of Q.V.J.I., and by Miss du Sautoy, Inspector of Midwives under the Somerset County Council. There was a good attendance of all classes from the town and neighbourhood. At the close questions were asked relating to the subjects, and it was decided to form a committee representative of the town to make the necessary arrangements.

Miss Jennie Druitt, writing from the Onitsha district in *Nurses Near and Far*, describes the work as most encouraging. She says:—

"One man came to us who had been a cannibal, and had had a share in eating nine men. He had cataract, and was operated upon and cured. He said to us then, that he "did not see only with his eyes, but with his heart." He is now an evangelist. Another chief, after having gone through a serious operation, expressed his wish to burn his idols. He has since endured great persecutions from his fellow-men.

"In the Onitsha district, Nursing is considered an abomination, but we were cheered by two girls offering for the work. They were of great value, being from influential families, and we hope that now they will have set the fashion other Nurses will come.

"Another European Nurse is most urgently needed. There is ample work for two, and this summer Miss Elms will be going home on furlough, and there will be no Nurse. We cannot get on without a qualified Nurse; so many patients are operated upon, and need special care, and the experience is most valuable and opportunities are great. The climate is much better than in some places, and if God calls He can supply the

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