

Force Nursing Service has been taken up by a Member of Parliament, and that there is some hope that the question will be dealt with by the Army Council or the Territorial Force Nursing Service Advisory Council, as it should have been at the beginning of the war:—

"Your Committee will be interested to know that, as the result of the efforts of the Executive of this Association, Mr. Hodge, M.P. (the Secretary of the 'British Steel Smelters' Society'), in the House of Commons, last week, on the Naval Estimates, raised the question of the payment of pensions to disabled sailors who had been discharged in consequence of disease not directly due to service with the colours, and the question of disabled soldiers and nurses, on the Army Estimates this week, with the result that we have now got a definite promise from the Government that the Royal Warrants authorising pensions to soldiers and sailors shall be so amended as to provide for pensions being granted to men who have been discharged in consequence of disease not contracted during service but 'aggravated by service' with the Colours. We have also secured a promise that the pensions shall be increased from sums varying between 4s. 8d. and 7s. a week as now paid in such circumstances, to sums varying from between 15s. and 20s. a week, according to the extent of the incapacity, and we have a further promise that under certain circumstances one-half of the Sickness Benefit paid to such disabled soldiers and sailors, by Approved Societies, shall be repaid by the Admiralty or Army Council as the case may be.

"Mr. Tennant, the Under Secretary of State for War, stated, in reply to Mr. Hodge's question, 'What are the Government going to do for the nurses?' 'that it is not necessary for me to say how much we appreciate the devotion and self-sacrificing services rendered by the nurses throughout the war. I will certainly take care to see that proper action is taken. I cannot help thinking that my Hon. Friend must have been thinking of the Voluntary Aid Detachment and not of the nurses permanently attached to the Army. I do not know whether that is so or not, but I cannot help thinking that it must be so. I understand there is a scheme of pensions, but as I have had no notice of this question I do not wish to commit myself without refreshing my memory.'"

We believe that when Mr. Tennant enquires into the question that he will find that members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service invalided out of the Service have no provision made for them in consequence of disease "aggravated by service" whilst on active duty. We know of several cases in which such nurses have upon leaving hospital come immediately on to their National Insurance Society where the rate of pay is 7s. 6d. a week. We have communicated with the War Office on this matter of invalid nurses' pensions but have received no satisfactory reply.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in Home Hospitals.—

Red Cross Hosp., Carmarthen.—Miss M. Chillingworth, Miss F. Robinson.

Skegness V.A.D. Hosp.—Miss S. McCracken.

Hathersage Aux. Hosp., Derbyshire.—Miss A. Walker.

The Hospital, New Mills, Derbyshire.—Miss S. F. Bland.

Roseneath V.A.D. Hosp., Winchmore Hill.—Miss E. Forrest.

County of London War Hosp., Epsom.—Miss D. Bliss.

The Priory Military Hosp., Frimley.—Miss C. M. Rogers.

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V.A.D. Hosp., Pinner Place, Pinner.—Miss E. E. Carter.

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Red Cross Hosp., Tewkesbury.—Miss L. A. Filsell.

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Red Cross Hosp., Caerphilly, Glam.—Miss A. Charton.

V.A.D. Hosp., The Tower, Rainhill, Lancs.—Miss H. Fisher.

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