

PENSIONS FOR MILITARY NURSES.

The following Royal Warrant, containing particulars of the better provision made for members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in the event of their being disabled during the War, was published with Army Orders in the *London Gazette* of May 3rd. The Order extends to the Army Nursing Service Reserve, and the Territorial Force Nursing Service.

ARMY NURSING SERVICE DISABILITY PENSIONS &c., GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make better provision for members of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in the event of their being disabled during the present war.

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS—

1. A member of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service who has been disabled by military service during the war may be granted a pension at not less than the following annual rates according to the degree of impairment of earning capacity :—

	Principal Matron or Matron-in-Chief.	Matron.	Staff Nurse or Sister.
Earning capacity totally destroyed	60	50	40
Seriously affected	50	40	30
Impaired	40	30	20

In cases of slight impairment a gratuity not exceeding a year's pay may be granted on retirement, calculated according to the extent and duration of the impairment.

2. A totally disabled member who has sufficient service for pension may be granted in addition to that pension, if such treatment would be more favourable to her than the minimum rates in Article 1 of this Our Warrant, the following annual sums :—

Staff Nurse or Sister	£15
Matron	20
Principal Matron or Matron-in-Chief	52

But the pension of a Matron, Principal Matron, or Matron-in-Chief shall not in any case exceed the maximum pension of the rank as provided by Our Royal Warrant of the 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army.

3. If a member has to retire on account of disability, not caused by military service but aggravated by it, she may be awarded such reduced rate of pension or gratuity as Our Army Council may determine, in view of the additional degree of incapacity caused by her military service.

4. In cases where the disability is contracted in military service, but not caused by it or aggravated by it, Our Army Council may, at their discretion, award a gratuity not exceeding three months' pay, if it appears to them that earning power has been sufficiently impaired to justify a grant.

5. The provisions of this Our Warrant are applicable to all cases arising out of the present war (but not otherwise), even though the casualty occurred before the date of this Our Warrant; but the increased rates of pension will not be payable for any period before the 1st March, 1915.

IT IS OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE that the benefits of this Our Warrant shall extend to members of Our Army Nursing Service Reserve and of Our Territorial Force Nursing Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this 11th day of April, 1916, in the 6th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command
KITCHENER.

When the attention of the Mansion House Committee was first drawn to the lack of provision for Territorial Nurses in the event of disablement, the Committee appeared to think it impossible to take any steps in the matter. We are glad, however, that through the interest of Members of Parliament, and of the Association of Approved Societies, the matter has been pushed to this very satisfactory conclusion. We congratulate those who give and those who take.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The Fourteenth Annual Conference and Meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League will be held at University Hall (Dr. Williams' Library), Gordon Square, W.C., on Tuesday, May 16th. All members and friends of the League are cordially invited to be present.

PROGRAMME.

"THE GLORY OF THE IMPOSSIBLE."

MORNING SESSION, 10.15—12.30.

Chairman, MRS. F. LENWOOD.
Devotional Address, "What is the Impossible?" MRS. LENWOOD.
Review of the Year's Work, MISS J. MACFEE.
Demonstration Study Circle, "How are Medical Missions attempting the Impossible?" MISS C. H. MAYERS and N. M. L. MEMBERS.

INTERVAL.

"Achieving the Impossible in China," MISS HOPE BELL (The London Hospital and Hankow).

INTERCESSION.

Led by the REV. H. P. NAPIER CLAVERING.
AFTERNOON CONVERSAZIONE, 2.30—5 p.m.
Hostesses, Mrs. Wigram, Miss B. B. de Lasalle, Miss C. H. Mayers.

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