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EDITORIAL.

PENSIONS FOR MILITARY NURSES.

The members of the Military Nursing Services—*i.e.*, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and its Reserve and the Territorial Force Nursing Service owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Hogge, M.P., who has persistently brought before the Government the necessity for more adequate pensions for disabled nurses as well as for military officers.

This JOURNAL has repeatedly drawn attention to the inadequacy of the pensions or gratuities to which disabled nurses were entitled, and we congratulate the members of these Services that the publicity given to the subject and the persistent good offices of Mr. Hogge have resulted in the greatly increased scale of pensions notified in the schedule below.

The Royal Warrant which has been issued under the Ministry of Pensions, regulating the retired pay of officers disabled, the Pensions of the Families and Relatives of Officers deceased, and the Pensions of Nurses disabled in the present war provides in Clause 23 (1) that—"A member of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, of Our Army Nursing

Service Reserve and of Our Territorial Force Nursing Service (hereinafter referred to as a nurse) who retires on account of medical unfitness, certified as either attributable to or aggravated by military service in consequence of the present war, and not being due to her serious negligence or misconduct, may be granted the pension shown in the Third Schedule to this Our Warrant, which corresponds to the degree of her disablement as certified."

Clauses 24-29 deal with future provisions, which are summed up in the following explanatory note:—

"The provisions for nurses follow generally those for officers and are on a very much more liberal scale than the existing regulations. Thus a Staff Nurse totally disabled through war service will receive £100 a year, as compared with £40 at present; and there are special grants for sanatorium or hospital treatment, for training, for medical expenses and for constant attendance.

"A nurse disabled from unfitness not attributable to or aggravated by service, may receive a gratuity which in exceptional circumstances may amount to £200. The present regulations allow only three months' pay."

PENSIONS TO DISABLED NURSES.

Degree of Disablement. (1)	Percentage degree of Disablement. (2)	Disablement Pension. If not entitled to Service Pension.			Addition to Service Pension if entitled to such. (6)
		Principal Matron or Matron in Chief. (3)	Matron. (4)	Staff Nurse or Sister. (5)	
	Per cent.	£ s.	£ s.	£	£ s.
1 . . .	100	175 0	125 0	100	75 0
2 . . .	80	140 0	100 0	80	60 0
3 . . .	70	122 10	87 10	70	52 10
4 . . .	60	105 0	75 0	60	45 0
5 . . .	50	87 10	62 10	50	37 10
6 . . .	40	70 0	50 0	40	30 0
7 . . .	30	52 10	37 10	30	22 10
8 . . .	20	35 0	25 0	20	15 0

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