

dent of the Army Nursing Service Association, in a letter addressed to the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.V.O., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, &c., New Zealand, dated London, 25th May, 1907 (*vide* Government House despatch 500/1907), that the work of enrolling members of the Army Nursing Reserve in an affiliated branch in New Zealand should be undertaken, begs to state for His Excellency's information that this work, for which regulations appeared in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 14th May, 1908, but which since that date has remained in abeyance, is again being proceeded with.

It is understood that there is some question as to whether an affiliated New Zealand branch would be admitted as a reserve of nurses to supplement Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service in the same manner as laid down in Regulations for the Army Nursing Service Reserve, Part I, "Constitution," paragraph 1.

As it is considered necessary as far as New Zealand is concerned that a nursing service should now be proceeded with, and as it would appear desirable that the conditions governing such a service should be as closely assimilated as local conditions will admit to those of the parent service, it is requested that the necessary authority may be obtained for the New Zealand Army Nursing Service Reserve to be affiliated to the Army Nursing Service, and considered as a reserve to supplement Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service as laid down in the "Constitution" of the Army Nursing Service Reserve.

A copy of the regulations now in force in New Zealand, which appeared in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 14th May, 1908, and of those now proposed are appended, and also of correspondence between the Assistant Inspector at Hospitals and the Hon. Secretary, Army Nursing Reserve.

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For the Prime Minister.

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