

MARY R. BAYLY, FORMERLY MARY S. REDICK.

JANUARY 20, 1903.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CROWLEY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10175.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10175) granting a pension to Mary R. Bagley, submit the following report:

This bill proposes to pension Mary R. Bagley, late an army nurse, at \$12 per month.

Mary Redick Bayly, the beneficiary named in this bill, now 75 years of age, applied for pension as an army nurse under the provisions of the act of August 5, 1892, on June 11, 1893, alleging that she served as army nurse under the name of Mary S. Redick in General Hospital No. 4, ward No. 2, New Albany, Ind., from March 20, 1863, to September 21, 1863, and that she was now unable to support herself, etc.

Her claim was rejected on December 26, 1896, upon the ground of no title, she not having been properly employed and paid as a nurse of the Medical Department, etc.

Neither the War Department nor the Treasury Department has any record of the employment of the beneficiary as a nurse, but she filed in support of her claim the testimony of Dr. Moses E. Elrod, whom the records of the War Department show to have been an acting assistant surgeon, U. S. Army, on duty at No. 4 General Hospital at New Albany, Ind., from February to October, 1863, to the effect that the beneficiary on March 20, 1863, came to said hospital and remained with her brother, who was an inmate of said hospital from February until September 21, 1863, and did service as a nurse from March 20 until September 21, 1863; that she not only took care of said brother but cared for and administered to the wants of all the patients in the ward where her brother was confined; that he recollects the circumstances in this case because the beneficiary's brother was suffering from hospital gangrene, and was the first patient in said hospital whom affiant treated for gangrene with pure bromide, according to the

instructions of Surg. Middleton Goldsmith, of Louisville, Ky.; that the beneficiary was not formally employed as a nurse, nor was she ever paid by the United States as such, but did voluntary work as a nurse during the whole of the period stated.

The fact of the beneficiary's services as nurse for the period of six months as above stated in said hospital is further shown by the testimony of a member of Company E, of the Ninety-eighth Ohio Infantry, who was detailed as nurse in said hospital, and whom the records of the War Department show to have been in said hospital from February to October, 1863.

Other proof filed in the Pension Bureau shows that the beneficiary is not physically able to follow her profession of teacher by reason of age and infirmities.

The case of the beneficiary comes clearly within the spirit, if not the letter, of the army nurse act, and the relief sought for in the bill should therefore be granted.

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass after the same shall have been amended as follows:

Strike out all of lines 6 and 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following:
of Mary R. Bayly, formerly Mary S. Redick, late nurse, Medical Department, United States Volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of twelve dollars per month.

Amend title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Mary R. Bayly, formerly Mary S. Redick."

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