

*the Provision or Improvement of Houses for Doctors and Nurses.*

1. The Board regard the provision and improvement of houses for doctors and nurses as a matter of much importance, and they are prepared to consider applications for grants from the Fund so far as practicable for this purpose.

2. In Section 3 (3) of the Highlands and Islands (Medical Service) Grant Act, 1913, it is provided that—Where under any such scheme any money is to be applied by a local authority for any purpose, that authority shall have all such powers for the purpose as the scheme may provide, and, if the scheme so provides, any powers vested in a local authority of acquiring land, or erecting buildings, or borrowing on the security of any rate for any purpose, shall be extended so as to include the purposes of the scheme, and any Act conferring any such power shall be construed accordingly.

3. The Board will, as a rule, proceed in this matter through the agency of the parish council, and where a suitable scheme can be arranged they will be prepared to submit for the approval of the Secretary for Scotland and the Treasury a special scheme extending the powers of the parish council under Section 3 (3) of the Act.

4. On any application for a grant, the Board must be satisfied that the provision or improvement of a house for a doctor is a necessary part of a scheme for the improvement of the medical service of the district, and that a suitable house in a convenient situation is not available.

9. The Board will be ready to deal in like manner with applications from parish councils or other local bodies or persons for assistance towards the provision or improvement of houses for nurses at suitable centres, and, so far as the funds at their disposal will permit, they are prepared to contribute towards suitable proposals. In this connection reference should be made to the scheme providing for the general conditions under which district nursing associations will be eligible to participate in grants from the Fund.

10. The Board will not be in a position to consider the question of a grant towards improvements in houses for either doctors or nurses which are private property unless suitable conditions as to lease and subsequent upkeep can be arranged.

**THE PASSING BELL.**

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Vivien Bury, at a Nursing Home in London, from enteric fever, contracted while on duty in Serbia, with one of Mrs. St. Clair Stobart's units. Miss Bury was trained at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, and afterwards worked at a Nursing Home in London, where she was beloved both by her patients and fellow workers. She sailed for Serbia on Easter Day and returned this month. She died on the 16th, to the regret of all who knew her.

**APPOINTMENTS.****MATRONS.**

**Staffordshire General Hospital, Stafford.**—Miss Edith Emily Parker has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Blackburn and East Lancashire General Infirmary, and has been Theatre Sister at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, Theatre Sister and Deputy Matron at the Staffordshire General Infirmary, Home Sister and Deputy Matron at the Royal National Hospital for Chest Diseases, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Holiday Matron at the Borough Hospital, Dunstable, and Matron of the Swanage Cottage Hospital.

**Dublin Castle Red Cross Hospital, Dublin.**—Miss E. W. Taylor has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Sister, Night Sister, and Assistant Matron at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and Lady Superintendent of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, an appointment she has, by permission, temporarily vacated to assume the duties of Matron of the Dublin Red Cross Hospital.

**Cottage Hospital, Marlow.**—Miss Ruth Schilling has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the Bethnal Green Infirmary, and subsequently had six years' experience in connection with a Nursing Home at Southampton, and two years as Ward Sister at Isleworth Infirmary. She mobilized for War Service at the 5th Southern Hospital, Portsmouth, and later was a member of the staff of the 5th Northern General Hospital, Leicester.

**SISTER-IN-CHARGE.**

**Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Muirfield House, Gullane, N.B.**—Miss Frances Smith has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained at the Stockport Infirmary, and has held the position of Sister at the District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, Out-patient Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and Theatre Sister at the McAlpin Nursing Home, Glasgow.

**QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.****TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

Miss Margaret A. Hodgson is appointed to Burnley as Superintendent. Miss Hodgson received General Training at the General Hospital, Bristol, Midwifery Training at Manchester Maternity Hospital, and District Training at Gateshead. She has since held several appointments under the Institute including that of Acting temporary Superintendent, Burnley.

Miss Isabel E. Bennett is appointed to Harrogate, Miss Mary K. Colquhoun to Rotherhithe, Miss Elizabeth H. Hore to Belvedere and Abbeywood, Miss Sarah A. Morris to Lincoln C.N.A. as Home Sister, Miss Rose A. Ward to Rotherhithe.

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