

State now systematically supervises the health of the child from infancy up to the end of school life. The benefits reaped by the nation from these State Services are most impressive. Thus, in 1901-10, the infant mortality rate was 128; in 1936, it was 59 per thousand live births.

Veneral diseases fall on the just as well as on the unjust. The Public Health (Veneral Diseases) Regulations, 1916, directed each County and County Borough to set up a scheme for the treatment of veneral diseases. The work has met and is meeting with success.

The establishment of the Ministry of Health in 1919 was the outward expression of Parliamentary decision that the National Health is of supreme and vital importance. A central authority was expressly created for the purpose of supervising the health of the people *as a whole*, and for unifying and simplifying the central agencies working to this end.

The Act contains the germ from which will spring up a complete system of health services. It is another great advance made in the interests of the health of the people.

"In 1910, the social services of the State (insurance, pensions, education, health, housing, poor relief, lunacy), involved a total expenditure of £55,000,000; but in 1934 this had risen to the enormous figure of £427,000,000. No other nation in the world is providing out of current revenue social and health services on this scale."

After reviewing the great progress made in the last 26 years of medicine, Sir Arthur MacNalty concludes his review of the progress in National Health and in Medicine in the Past Hundred Years, as follows:

"One cannot but feel pride in this hundred years' review of preventive medicine. So much has been gained; so much health, vitality and happiness have replaced destitution, ignorance and despair."

It is quite impossible in the space available to touch the fringe of the highly concentrated information contained in the Review.

A whole section is devoted to "General Epidemiology" and another to "Maternity and Child Welfare." "During the year under review advances have been made in the organisation and working of the maternity and child welfare schemes of Local Authorities. . . . There is no doubt that conditions detrimental to the health of mothers and children are greatly lessened in number and in effect, and that countless mothers and children have benefited from the guidance and practical assistance that these services have provided. There is a new regard for the place of the mother and her infant in the national life and a heightened sense of responsibility for their health and safety."

#### The Insurance Medical Service.

"Provision was again made to assist insurance doctors practising in isolated or sparsely populated rural districts, and so ensure the continuance of a satisfactory medical service in these areas. For example, grants were made to enable practitioners in these areas to maintain motor cars or to instal telephones; and by the same means 103 country practitioners were enabled to attend a course of post-graduate study. During 1936 the expenditure on these grants in England and Wales amounted in all to £8,960."

#### Tuberculosis among Nurses.

Is there or is there not an abnormal prevalence of tuberculosis among nurses in general or among those who attend tuberculosis patients in particular? remains as yet unanswered. A satisfactory answer to this question can result only from a laborious and systematic research conducted by many and various institutions, the results of which may be pooled."

## APPOINTMENTS.

### ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

**International Council of Nurses, 51, Palace Street, Westminster, S.W.**—Miss Margaret J. Matheson, S.R.N., by Examination, March 15th, 1935, S.C.M., M.A. (Edin.) in Modern Languages, has been appointed Assistant Secretary. She was trained and certificated 1931-1934 at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, and has been Nursing Sister at the British Sanatorium, Montana, Switzerland.

### MATRON.

**Highgate Hospital, Dartmouth Park Hill, London, N.19.**—Miss Constance A. Stanier, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Mile End Hospital, London, E., where she was Staff Nurse, Sister, Sister Tutor, and Home Sister, and at the East End Maternity Hospital, London. Miss Stanier has also been Assistant Matron at St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, London, N.

**Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent.**—Miss Marion I. H. Skene, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, and has been Sister at Wantage House, Northampton, and Assistant Matron at the Bethlem Royal Hospital.

**Isolation Hospital, Barnet, Herts.**—Miss Beatrice M. West, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, and has been Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Cheshunt, and Matron at the Southgate Isolation Hospital, London, N.

**Florence Nightingale Hospital, Bury.**—Miss G. M. Hardy, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, and has been Sister Tutor at Charing Cross Hospital, London, W.C.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**General Hospital, Croydon.**—Miss Kathleen M. Mann, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she has been Ward Sister, Night Sister, relief duties, Second Assistant Matron and Home Sister. Miss Mann also received training at the Leeds Maternity Hospital, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Battersea General Hospital.

**Beckett Hospital and Dispensary, Barnsley.**—Miss H. A. Mason, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, and has been Housekeeping Sister at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

### HOME SISTER.

**Marland Isolation Hospital, Rochdale.**—Miss Mary E. Shaw, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, and has been Ward Sister at the Luneside Sanatorium, Lancaster; Ward Sister at the City Hospital, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent; Day Sister and Night Sister at the Marland Isolation Hospital. Miss Shaw holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Royal Infirmary, Oldham.

### ASSISTANT HOME SISTER.

**The Sanatorium, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.**—Miss L. J. Cakebread, S.R.N., S.C.M., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Home Sister. She was trained at the Westminster Hospital, London, and at the City of London Maternity Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse Q.A.I.M.N.S. for India (temp.); Staff Nurse, Queen Alexandra's Military Families Nursing Service; Matron, Eastern Telegraph Co., for stations abroad; Assistant Housekeeper at the University College Hospital, London; and Assistant Matron at the British Hospital, Montevideo, Uruguay. Miss Cakebread holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the University College Hospital, London.

### SISTER TUTOR.

**North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough.**—Miss May Trembath, S.R.N., D.N. (London University), C.S.M.M.G., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, where she was later Ward Sister, Night Sister and Sister Tutor. Miss Trembath has also been Sister Tutor at the Infirmary, Portsmouth; Sister Tutor at the Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham; and served with Q.A.I.M.N.S.

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