

PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

Now that Parliament has been re-opened by the King and as there are not a great many private members' Bills this Session, let us hope for good fortune for the Nurses' Registration Bill, which will be introduced into the House of Commons by Dr. Chapple, M.P., at an early date.

The Occasional Paper of the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, for November, reports at some length the speeches of members of the Deputation to the Home Secretary on the subject of State Registration of Trained Nurses, and Mr. McKenna's reply. The Deputation included a representative of the Legislation Committee of the N.U.W.W., Miss Eaton, and in this way the opinion of this influential body of women was brought before the Government, and the members of the N.U.W.W. have now the subject brought to their notice in their official organ.

New regulations have recently been gazetted under the Nurses' Registration Act in New Zealand. These provide for reciprocal training by the recognition of affiliated schools under the same management, and enable pupil nurses to be sent from a main institution at the discretion of the head of the training school, for varied terms of under six months, to annexes such as consumptive sanatoria, fever hospitals, and cottage hospitals.

Candidates must have completed two years and eleven months of the statutory period of three years before being allowed to sit for the State examinations, unless for special reasons they are recommended for a further concession by the hospital authorities.

In any case, the full period, less ordinary holiday leave, and one month's sick leave, must be completed before registration.

There is also a special provision to enable nurses from outside New Zealand who can show no proof of having passed a final examination, and whose training satisfies the Registrar, to sit for the State examination.

One clause also makes it compulsory for the training school authorities to provide necessary equipment for teaching, including a set of text and reference books as recommended in the syllabus. With these amendments the Regulations are the same as those issued in 1908.

No doubt this system will be organized by the Central Nursing Council under the Nurses' Registration Act in the United Kingdom when it is in force, as it should have been long ago.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Sanatorium, Bury St. Edmunds.—Miss Lynch has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N.E., and had held the position of Night Sister, Ward Sister, and Assistant Matron at the Lowther Road Branch of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth.

Moss-side Institution for Mental Defectives.—Miss E. A. Delappe has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and has been Holiday Sister at Nordrach-on-Dee, and Assistant Matron at West House, Morningside, Edinburgh.

NURSE MATRON.

Torrington Cottage Hospital.—Miss Eleanor J. Cadmore has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Woolwich Infirmary, London, and has been Staff Nurse at Bute Hospital, Holiday Staff Nurse at Ealing Cottage Hospital, and Night Sister and Ward Sister in various wards at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, during the past five years.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool.—Miss Esther Fisher has been appointed Assistant Matron. She has held various responsible positions in the same institution.

SISTER.

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.—Miss Sendall has been appointed temporary Sister of Hatton Ward, and Mrs. Macintosh temporary Sister in the X-Ray and Electrical Department.

SCHOOL NURSES.

Borough of Yarrow.—Miss Minnie Brown has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained for three years at the Royal Derbyshire Infirmary, and for two years has been Staff Nurse at the Union Hospital, Darlington, and for one and a half years District Nurse at Yarrow.

Borough of Lowestoft.—Miss A. Downs has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at Salford, and for the last two years has been School Nurse at Bury St. Edmunds.

Urban District Council of Aberdare.—Miss Catherine Evans has been appointed School Nurse under the Education Committee of the Urban District Council of Aberdare. She was trained at St. Pancras Infirmary, Highgate, N., and has had experience of district nursing at Chester.

Handsworth Urban District Council, Sheffield.—Miss F. H. Wheatcroft has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse under the Sheffield Corporation. She has held the position of Superintendent of the Rotherham Union Scattered Homes, and of Assistant Matron at the Deaf and Dumb Schools, Manchester.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Urban Districts of Littleborough, Milnrow and Wardle.—Miss Bertha Josephine Leech has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Shrewsbury Infirmary, and the Manchester Maternity Hospital, and has done private nursing.

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