

V.A.Ds. FOR Q.M.A.A.C. SICK BAYS.

An Army Council Instruction just issued announces that V.A.D. nursing members will be engaged for service in Q.M.A.A.C. sick bays in France for so long as required during the present emergency. The minimum rate of pay will be £22 10s. a year and the maximum £30, increments of £2 10s. being given at the end of every six months' approved service. These nurses are entitled to uniform and other allowances, issuable to V.A.D.s serving in military hospitals in France, and will also receive £11 active service allowance if not previously issued.

We are inclined to think that there is an ample supply of trained nurses to perform these duties; if members of Q.M.A.A.C. are sick they should be attended by certificated nurses; the rate of pay offered by the Army Council to these amateur nurses undersells the trained worker in a very serious degree, and no Government Department should be permitted to depreciate skilled nursing in this manner. As a tax-paying nurse, we protest against it and hope others will do likewise, and send their protests to the Secretary of State for War. Nothing could have been more unfair, than the manner the War Office and the British Red Cross Society have cut at the root of nursing economics during the war.

GETTING DESPERATE.

We cull the following letter from the *Daily Express* under the heading of Demobilised Nurses:

Sir,—I am a nurse of four years' hospital training, not including three and a half years' foreign service during the war, having nursed in Egypt and the Persian Gulf. I was demobilised at a week's notice four months ago, and since that time have been looking for work at a salary that would keep me.

Imagine in these days offering a trained nurse £30 to £35 per year! It is monstrous! I am getting desperate.

Will someone please offer me a post with a salary which at least will enable me to get the necessities of life? My qualifications are medical, surgical and tropical nursing, with a four years' certificate to that effect.

D. W.

(Ex Army Sister, 4 chevrons).

"A late Sister of Queen Alexandra's I.M.N.S." pleads, in the *Morning Post*, for more generous treatment for the "permanently unfit" nursing Sister "invalided out of the Service and lacking even that financial consideration accorded to the out-of-work maker of munitions."

APPOINTMENTS.**MATRON.**

Children's Hostel, Tower Cressy, London, W.—Miss Florence A. Borrett has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Halifax Royal Infirmary and Norwich Isolation Hospital, and has been Sister at the Grove Hospital, S.W., and on H.M. Hospital Ship

Galeeha. As a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, London, she was selected for active service in Egypt, and was for three years at the British Red Cross Hospital, Giza, as Sister and Assistant Matron, and was later Lady Superintendent of the Women Workers' Camp, R.A.F., at Aboukir.

Babies of the Empire Training Centre, 29, Trebovir Road, Earl's Court.—Miss Liddiard has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, S.E., and has held the position of Night Superintendent in that institution. She has also passed through the special training given at the Babies of the Empire Centre, and has held there successively the positions of Sister and Assistant Matron.

NURSE MATRON.

Isolation Hospital, Llandrindod Wells.—Miss Blodwen E. Thomas has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Cardiff City Fever Hospital, and has been on the Staff of the Gelbygaer U.D. Council.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Union Workhouse, Gateshead.—Miss Lily B. M. Hall has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the West Ham Infirmary, London, and has been Superintendent at Sudbury Infirmary, Matron at Sealburn Hospital Co., and Acting Matron, Clift House, Bristol.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following ladies have been appointed Nursing Sisters in Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India:—

Miss E. H. Winton, Miss S. G. Rees, Miss S. M. Bassett, Miss E. K. Wilson, and Miss C. J. M. Gabbett.

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

Miss Lilian E. Neve is appointed to Derbyshire C.N.A. as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Fanny R. Bacchus is appointed to Tumers Hill; Miss Minnie Bishop, to Draycott and Wilne; Miss Mary G. Coulson, to Tonbridge; Miss Ivy A. Fawkes, to Nelson; Miss Helen Hicks, to Gillingham; Miss Isabel Holme, to Dorking; Miss Mary E. Rothwell, to Bingley; Miss Sarah B. Rowland, to Warrington.

RESIGNATION.

Miss E. W. Mowat, Matron of the Whitechapel Infirmary, is retiring after thirty years of service in the Poor-Law, twenty of which have been spent in the Whitechapel Union.

At a recent meeting of the Guardians Miss Mowat was invited to the Board Room, and, addressing her, the Chairman expressed the deep regret of himself and his colleagues that ill-health had compelled her to resign. He congratulated Miss Mowat on the high efficiency of the training school and infirmary, for which she had been responsible, and wished her many happy years.

Miss Mowat expressed her thanks for the Chairman's kind words. She remarked that the last few years of the war had been very strenuous owing to the great reduction in the staff, and it had told heavily upon her.

The appointment of Miss Mowat's successor has been deferred for the time, and the Assistant Matron Miss Taylor, who has just returned from Army service, in the course of which she has been favourably mentioned in reports, has been requested to undertake the duties of Matron temporarily.

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