

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

✓ We are informed that the business of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses has increased to such an extent, that it has been found necessary to divide the Union into sections; the Public Health Section has already been formed, and proposes to meet the last Friday in every month at 5.30 p.m. at 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W.1. It is hoped that all members who are Trained Nurses working in the Public Health Service, will make a note of this, and attend.

At the first Meeting of the Section, held April 30th, at Evelyn House, the chairman and secretary were elected, and the qualifications for all women workers in the Public Health Service were discussed.

The following resolution was unanimously passed, and the Honorary Secretary was requested to forward a copy to the Minister of Health:—

"At a meeting of the Public Health Section of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, held 30th day of April, 1920, at 17, Evelyn House, it was resolved unanimously that the Minister of Health should be approached and informed:

That the Public Health Section of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses wish to protest most emphatically against Grant Regulations No. 12 Statutory Rules and Orders, 1919, No. 1293.

That in their opinion a training of three years in a General Hospital, should be the basis of the qualifications for all women workers in the Public Health Service, to be appointed in the future."

EIGHT HOURS' DAY IN DUBLIN.

The Corporation of Dublin, which makes grants to various hospitals in the city, has decided to make such grants conditional upon the establishment of an eight hours' day for nurses. In this connection several medical contemporaries take exception to this decision on the ground that "in the case of a nurse work and duty are not co-extensive, though no doubt she is liable to answer a bell or call at any moment." That may be the case with private nurses, but we have yet to meet the hospital nurse who spends "much of her time on duty sitting down." There is a very wrong conception prevalent of the way in which hospital nurses work. It is usually at full pressure of brain and hand the whole time.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES' EMPLOYMENT CENTRE.

Amongst the appointments recently made through the above are two temporary Matrons, three Sisters, and two staff nurses to London Hospitals, Secretary to a Nurses' Co-operation, three nurses to nursing homes and six to private cases. In February, Miss E. B. Hill was appointed Matron of Fielding Palmer Cottage Hospital, Lutterworth. Miss Hill was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, and during the war had charge of a C.C.S. Station, B.E.F.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

Among the names of British subjects in the recently-published list of persons awarded the *Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francaise* by the French Government are the following:—

GILT.

Mrs. Ella Hay.—Founded in 1914 and subsequently directed the Malo-les-Bains Hospital, which was transferred in 1916 to Neuilly.

Miss Ida Mary Lewis.—Served in various nursing units in Northern and Eastern France.

SILVER.

Miss Sarah A. Bickell.—Matron of Hospital No. 13 bis. in which capacity she displayed unflinching devotion.

Lady Hermione Catherine Blackwood.—Certificated nurse. Served in various French and Belgian hospitals from September, 1916, to December, 1918.

Miss Edith Katherine Clifford, certificated nurse.—Rendered splendid services at the front and on the lines of communication from October, 1914, to January, 1919.

Miss Vera Geraldine Luby.—For four years' devoted service in various hospitals in France.

Miss Perry Handley.—For services as operations nurse, in which she displayed great capacity.

Miss Dorothy Edith Hunter.—For invaluable hospital services.

Miss Ada Rosamond Hunter.—Devoted services as motor driver.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich.—Miss A. R. Burch has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Burton-on-Trent General Hospital, and has been Sister at the Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, Home Sister at Charing Cross Hospital, and Assistant-Matron at St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C.1.

New End Hospital, Hampstead.—Miss J. N. Jackson, O.B.E., R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, and has held the position of Acting Matron at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road (Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital), Assistant-Matron at Kensington Infirmary, and the Royal Sussex Hospital, Brighton, and Matron of the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and of the South African Hospital, Richmond.

HEALTH VISITOR

County Borough, Derby.—Miss Helen Breatley has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Bournemouth, and has been Ward Sister at Rotherham Hospital, and has been working as a midwife at Ilkeston.

Metropolitan Borough of Lambeth.—Miss Amy Kathleen Roberts has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Fulham Infirmary, Hammer-smith, W. She also gained experience in private nursing and district nursing, and has been Charge Nurse at Lambeth Schools Infirmary, Maternity Sister at Selly Oak Infirmary, Birmingham, Sister at the Military Hospital, Aylesbury, Sister-in-Charge of a Hostel for Women Workers at Denmark Hill, and Municipal Health Visitor under the West Ham Borough Council.

TUBERCULOSIS NURSE.

Miss Winifred Dyer has been appointed Tuberculosis Nurse. She was trained at the Holborn Infirmary,

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