

## NURSES' ALTERNATIVE PENSIONS.

### INSTRUCTION AS TO CLAIMS.

The Ministry of Pensions announce that disabled officers and nurses who intend to claim alternative retired pay or pension, based on pre-war earnings and present earning capacity, must prove their pre-war earnings before July 2nd, 1921, or before a year has elapsed since the first award of disability retired pay or pension, whichever is the later date. Applications by widows of deceased officers for alternative pensions must be made before July 2nd, 1921, or within a year of the date of first award of the flat-rate pension.

Under the terms of the Royal Warrant, a disabled officer is not eligible for alternative retired pay if his pre-war earnings did not exceed £132 a year, nor is a disabled nurse eligible for alternative pension if her pre-war earnings did not exceed £95 a year. In the case of officers' widows there is no fixed limit. Applications and inquiries should be addressed to the Officers' Branch, Ministry of Pensions, Cromwell House Annexe, Millbank, S.W. 1.

## THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

The Royal Sanitary Institute is conducting a course of Lectures for women health visitors and child welfare workers at the Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W. 1.

Part II begins on April 11th. Arrangements will be made for students to attend six infant consultations under Dr. Eric Pritchard on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, and visits to welfare centres will be arranged. The first four lectures in this course are:—

At 6 p.m.:—

Monday, April 11th, Tuesday, April 12th.—“Antenatal Hygiene.”

Wednesday, April 13th.—“Care of Mother and Infant.”

Friday, April 15th.—“Care of Mother and Infant.” Dr. Margaret G. Thackrah.

Candidates who desire to enter for the health visitors' examination, or for the child welfare examination must produce evidence of practical training and experience, including nursing, as required by the regulations for each examination, in addition to attending this course of lectures.

The fee for the complete course of lectures and demonstrations is £5 5s., or for Part II, £2 2s.

The examinations for sanitary officers and others conducted by the Royal Sanitary Institute, will be held in London on April 29th and 30th.

Application for examination must be made on the proper form, and must be sent to the Office of the Institute fourteen days before the date of the examination at which the candidate wishes to present himself.

The syllabus of subjects, and application forms for the examination, and information as to other centres and dates, may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. E. White Wallis.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

### A VERY WORTHY DAME.

The King has conferred the Order of a Dame Commander of the British Empire on Miss Genevieve Ward, the actress, who celebrated her 84th birthday last Sunday.

We are specially pleased to note that His Majesty has recognised artistic genius and personal worth in bestowing this well deserved honour in the following communication:—

“Windsor Castle, March 25th.

“DEAR MISS GENEVIEVE WARD,—I am commanded by the King to inform you that His Majesty has much pleasure in conferring upon you the Order of a Dame Commander of the British Empire in recognition of the distinguished position which you have occupied for so long in your profession, and of the services rendered by you to dramatic art. Yours very truly,

“STAMFORDHAM.”

### WOMEN DESIRE REDUCTION IN STATE EXPENDITURE AND LESS MINISTERIAL AUTOCRACY.

Lady Askwith has an excellent letter in the *Times* on “Bureaucracy: A Woman's Views on New Ministries,” in which she states women object to immense responsibilities undertaken by the Government without consulting Parliament. She adds:—

“To put things briefly, women desire a vast reduction in State expenditure and less autocracy on the part of the Government. These new Ministries give it too much patronage and too much power, and interfere too much with the daily life of the nation. We do not wish, and we will not submit, to be governed autocratically either at home or abroad.”

## COMING EVENTS.

April 1st.—Professional Union of Trained Nurses. Monthly Meeting, Public Health Section, 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W., 6 p.m.

April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.—Lectures on Venereal Disease. St. Paul's Hospital, Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C. 1. By Dr. Leonard Myer, F.R.C.S.

April 7th, 14th, and 28th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Miss Richardson “At Home,” 135, Ebury Street, S.W.

April 17th.—Verdun Sunday. Special services at St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, and other churches. Concerts at the Albert Hall, and Queen's Hall.

## A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Next to acquiring good friends, the best acquisition is that of good books.—*Colton.*

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