

Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W. 1, on April 28th, at 11 a.m. and at 2.30 p.m., will be private and not open to the Press, but as soon as possible after the Meeting an official communication will be issued to the press for publication.

The doors will be open at 10.30 a.m. and at 2 p.m.

THE SEAL.

The beautiful Seal (herewith) of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales, reproduced by the courtesy of the Council, will be stamped on every certificate of Registration issued by the Council. The Goddess Hygeia, supported by the rose of England and the daffodil of Wales, makes a very appropriate and poetic device.

We have to thank the Chairman of the Council,



Mr. J. C. Priestley, K.C., for the keen personal interest he has taken in the production of the Seal.

ISLA STEWART COMMEMORATION.

The Dinner to welcome those members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses (in the name of its founder, the late Miss Isla Stewart) who will attend the Conference on "Nursing Education," convened by the General Nursing Council in London, on April 28th, will be held at the Hotel Jules, 85, Jermyn Street, S.W., at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will preside. Cards of invitation will be sent at once to those members who notify Mrs. Shuter that they can accept the invitation, and she hopes they will do so as soon as possible so as to facilitate the arrangements.

The Hotel Jules is just behind St. James's Church, Piccadilly, a few minutes' walk from the Circus, and is well known for its fine French cuisine. Evening dress is optional.

Address, Mrs. Shuter, Cleveland House, Chiswick Lane, London, W.4.

ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

The Air Ministry announces:—

Regulations regarding conditions of service in the Royal Air Force Nursing Service, which was established by Royal Warrant on January 27th, 1921, have been issued.

The Service consists of a Matron-in-Chief, Matrons, Senior Sisters, Sisters and Staff Nurses. Candidates are required to join as Staff Nurses, and appointments, which are subject to a satisfactory probationary period of six months, are given to approved persons of British parentage, over 25 and under 35 years of age, who possess a certificate of training for at least three years at a large Civil hospital in the United Kingdom.

The salaries of the various grades are as follows:—

Staff Nurses.—£60 per annum, rising by annual increments of £2 ros. to £65.

Sisters.—£75 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £85.

Senior Sisters.—£85 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £95.

Matrons.—£115 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £185.

In addition charge pay, not exceeding £45 per annum, is granted to Matrons according to the magnitude of their charges, and a weekly allowance of 2s. 6d. to all members in lieu of board and washing. Furnished quarters, fuel, light and attendance are normally provided, but where this is not the case an allowance in lieu is granted.

An initial grant of £20 is made towards the cost of purchase of the prescribed uniform which members are required always to wear when on duty and when attending official or public entertainments, and an upkeep allowance of £5 for the second year and £10 for the third and subsequent years.

Members of the Royal Air Force Nursing Service may retire at the age of 50 or after 20 years' service, and retirement is compulsory at the age of 55. Retired pay, based on service and rank, is issued up to the following maximum rates, which are subject to revision in five years' time:—Matrons, £170; Sisters, £75; Staff Nurses, £55.

Members employed in the Royal Air Force Temporary Nursing Service and previously employed in the Navy or Army Nursing Service may count the period of such service towards retired pay.

A Nurse with less than ten years' service will not be eligible for retired pay, but provision is made for the issue, under certain conditions, of retired pay and gratuities in the event of such service being terminated owing to disablement, sickness or unfitness.

Full particulars of the Service and forms of application for appointment may be obtained from the Matron-in-Chief, Air Ministry, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2.

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