

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

Now that the holiday month is over and we may expect the General Nursing Councils of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, to meet and consider applications for admission to the State Register, it behoves nurses whose applications have not already been sent in to be up and doing, if they wish to be amongst the first to be enrolled.

WHERE TO REGISTER.

In England and Wales.—Apply to the Registrar, G.N.C., 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.

In Scotland.—Apply to the Registrar, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh

In Ireland.—Apply to the Registrar, 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

REGISTRATION OF NURSES (RULES).

In the House of Commons, on August 17th, Major Henderson asked the Secretary for Scotland if objection has been taken by several of the larger boroughs in Scotland to the draft regulations framed by the General Nursing Council for Scotland under Section 3 (1) and (2) of the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919; and whether he is prepared to withdraw the draft rules pending further consideration or until the scheme for the future training of nurses and the conditions with which hospitals must comply before receiving approval as teaching centres are published?

Mr. Pratt: My right hon. Friend is aware that objection has been taken to the rules referred to by my hon. and gallant Friend. My right hon. Friend considers it most desirable that the registration of existing nurses in Scotland should not be delayed, and, as the rules have been carefully adjusted with a view to securing reciprocity of registration with other parts of the kingdom, and as they in no way prejudice the rules that may be made for future nurses, he is not prepared to withdraw them.

ASYLUMS (ADMINISTRATION).

In the House of Commons, on August 16th, Mr. Myers asked the Minister of Health whether, in view of the unsatisfactory and depressing atmosphere prevalent in asylums and due in great measure to the absence of appropriate methods of cure, failure to supply cheerful surroundings or occupation to the patient, he will take into consideration the desirability of scrutinising the defects of the present system and substituting for centralised machinery the system of administration by locally interested public committees likely to be more alive to the needs of the inmates, the observance of the rights guaranteed to them and to their relatives by legal enactment, and all other matters pertaining to their welfare?

Sir A. Mond: It must not be assumed that I accept the suggestions contained in the first part of the question, but, as I have previously stated, I have under consideration the question of possible reforms in lunacy administration and

treatment. As regards the last part, I would remind the hon. Member that the administration of public asylums is already in the hands of the local visiting committees appointed under the provisions of the Lunacy Acts.

PENSIONS FOR WAR DISABLEMENT.

FINAL DATE OF APPLICATION.

The Ministry of Pensions desire to call the attention of officers, nurses, and men, and widows and dependents of deceased officers and men, who served during the Great War, to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of the War Pensions Act, 1921.

In accordance with Section 5 any new claim to pension, grant, gratuity, or allowance in respect of disablement under any Warrant, Order in Council or Order administered by the Minister of Pensions, must be made within seven years after the date on which the claimant was discharged, or within seven years after the official date of the termination of the War (August 31st, 1921), whichever date is the earlier. No new claims will be considered after the expiry of the prescribed period. A person is to be deemed to have been discharged from the service at the time when his active service terminated.

Under Section 6 of the Act any claimant (including the widow or other dependent relative of a deceased officer or man), who desires to appeal to a Pensions Appeal Tribunal against the rejection of his (or her) claim to pension, must do so within a period of twelve months after the date of the notification by the Ministry, to the claimant, of the rejection of his (or her) claim, or after the date of the commencement of the Act (August 19th, 1921), whichever is the later date.

THE GREEK NURSING UNIT.

The members of the Greek Nursing Unit, both at Athens and in Turkey-in-Asia, write happily of their work, and of the great kindness they receive, but find the heat trying.—109 degs. in the shade. In a busy theatre with the sun upon it the temperature is unrecorded, but Sister Dumvill is assured that it will be hotter yet.

The four Sisters who have been stationed at Smyrna—Sisters C. Evans, Oakley Williams, C. Baxter, and Browne—and have been very busily employed, have now left for the interior, as the hospitals at Smyrna are emptying and their services are more needed elsewhere. They will have much of interest to relate on their return of their experiences in Turkey-in-Asia.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A Council meeting of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses will be held at 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, on Wednesday, September 7th, 1921, at 5.30 p.m.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,
Hon. Secretary.

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