

The Rules framed by the three Councils for the admission of Intermediate Male Nurses to the Registers are almost identical.

Ireland accepts "other evidence" than a Certificate of a Male Nurse having carried out not less than three years' training in an approved Hospital or Institution.

#### 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.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY FAMILIES NURSING SERVICE.

The Regulations for Admission to the Queen Alexandra's Military Families Nursing Service have now been published and are obtainable through any Bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, price 2d. net. The Service consists of the following ranks: (1) Matrons, (2) Sisters-in-Charge, (3) Staff Nurses. An applicant for the position of Staff Nurse must be between 24 and 35 years of age, and possess a certificate of not less than three years' training and service in medical and surgical nursing in a civil hospital, and the certificate of the Central Midwives Board. She must be of British parentage, or a naturalised British subject. Members of the Service are required to provide themselves with the prescribed uniform. The Queen's badge for Queen Alexandra's Military Families Nursing Service is always to be worn by members when in uniform, and a collar badge in white and gilded metal, or silver and silver gilt, is to be worn on the point of the collar of the coats and great coats by members of all ranks. Detailed particulars regarding uniform will be furnished by the Matron-in-Chief on application. The salary of a Staff Nurse begins at £60, rising to £65, and her total emoluments are estimated at £202 16s. 2d. The initial rate of pay for a Sister-in-Charge is £75, rising in two years to £85, with Charge Pay, which, up to 30 beds is £20 per annum, and over 30 beds £30 per annum. Board and Washing, Uniform, Fuel and Light Allowance, and Lodging Allowance where quarters are not provided, are the same for all ranks.

The conditions of retirement for Q.A.M.F.N.S. are the same as for Q.A.I.M.N.S., and are laid down in the pay warrant.

We commend the Service and the advantages it offers to nurses possessing the necessary qualifications.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

We are officially informed that in accordance with the provisions of the Territorial Army and Militia Act, the Territorial Force will be called the Territorial Army, with effect from October 1st, 1921.

The Territorial Force Nursing Service will therefore be called the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

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##### BIRMINGHAM THREE COUNTIES CENTRE.

On Tuesday, October 11th, in the Lecture Theatre of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Dr. Walter Jordan gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "The Growth and Development of the Child." At the commencement of his lecture Dr. Jordan defined growth as an increase in size, and development as a progressive change in tissue, commencing at conception, reaching completion at maturity, and divided into a pre-natal and a post-natal stage by the hazardous adventure of Birth. He rapidly traced pre-natal development and compared it with post-natal, drawing attention to the unequal growth and development of the latter stage.

Dr. Jordan attributed the greater development of the upper part of the body during foetal life possibly to the fact that arterial blood circulates throughout the blood-vessels of the upper part of the foetus, whereas the circulation of the lower half consists of mixed arterial and venous blood. Weight is the most important guide as to growth. Sudden and excessive weight may be a sign of oedema, and in tubercular children of fluid in the thorax; whereas rapid loss of weight is often a warning of empyema, and if persistent after aspiration is an infallible sign of a further collection of pus.

Growth takes place most rapidly during the first three months of post-natal life.

In abnormal children weight and length are dissociated, an arrest in weight and length may be due to gastric disturbance, tubercle, congenital syphilis, or rickets.

The form and histological peculiarities of organs are determined during pre-natal life, but their development continues until maturity is attained; they pass through three critical periods—at birth, when pre-natal life ceases and infancy begins; at dentition, which marks the entrance into childhood; and at puberty, when adolescence is reached.

Dr. Jordan concluded his lecture with a brief reference to Infantilism and Mongolism. The first condition he attributed to ante-natal conditions, whereas the second was the result of a waning power of reproduction on the part of the parents.

On Tuesday, November 1st, a Business Meeting will be held at three o'clock in the Lecture Theatre of the General Hospital, Birmingham.

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