

"to a person discharging all or any of the duties of a School Nurse under an approved scheme of School Health Administration."

#### CONDITIONS.

A candidate is eligible for certification and Registration as a Health Visitor if she is not less than 25 years of age, has paid the prescribed fee for certification, and has completed the prescribed course of training to the satisfaction of the authorities.

The Model Course of Instruction provides (a) for 1½ years' specialised instruction, to include (i) Elementary Anatomy and Physiology; (ii) General Hygiene; (iii) Personal and Clinical Hygiene; (iv) Public Health Administration; (v) Social Science and Economics; (vi) Office Work; (vii) Dietetics and Household Management; and (b) Hospital or Other Work of not less than 2½ years, including (i) General Medical and Surgical (including Gynæcological) Nursing; (ii) the nursing of sick children; (iii) The nursing of infectious and communicable diseases; (iv) Nursing in special hospitals or institutions.

Further, in order to qualify for the award of the Health Visitors' Probation Certificate, a student must have obtained the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, or, alternatively, have completed to the satisfaction of the Scottish Board of Health, a year's training, including instruction in midwifery in a Maternity Home approved by the Board for the purpose.

We do not think that any one will be willing to train in nursing for 2½ years and not spend the extra half-year which will qualify her to be registered as a nurse. We may, however, point out that the three first items in the course of specialised instruction are provided for in the Syllabus of Lectures and Demonstrations for Education and Training in General Nursing of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and the other four might well be taken in a year, making a four years' course in all.

If a Health Visitor in Scotland is a Registered Nurse, a Registered Midwife, and has, besides, the specialised training indicated, she will be a very thoroughly qualified official.

We congratulate the Scottish Board of Health on recognising that a serious and prolonged training is necessary for a Health Visitor.

We suggest that the Board of Health should ask for the opinion of the General Nursing Council for Scotland on its scheme before finally adopting it.

#### RESIGNATION.

The retirement of Miss Mary Florence Bostock, R.R.C., as Lady Superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, will inspire thoughts of retrospective interest. Her association with the institution, which began 35 years ago, synchronises with a period of marked development in hospital equipment and administrative efficiency, especially in connection with the Nursing School, which stands deservedly high.

Miss Bostock will retire with the best wishes of all her colleagues for a happy and restful future.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Maternity Hospital, Bromborough.**—Miss E. C. V. Newton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Paddington Hospital, and has had experience of military nursing at the Orthopædic Hospital, Shepherd's Bush. She has also been Sister at the City of Westminster Infirmary and at the Hospital for Women, Liverpool. She has had experience of private nursing and is a Certified Midwife.

### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

**Metropolitan Borough of Finsbury.**—Miss Norah Marion Cooper has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Maternity Centres. She was trained at Westminster Hospital, and at Parkside Maternity Hospital, Hammersmith, and has held positions at the Children's Hospital, Paddington Green, W., Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, and the South London Hospital for Women. She has also worked under the Manchester Education Committee.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**District Hospital, Mansfield.**—Miss Zillah Cole has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Mansfield District Hospital, and has also had experience of fever nursing.

### SISTER.

**Marland Hospital, Rochdale.**—Miss Amelia Leslie has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Holborn and Finsbury Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse at the Norwich Isolation Hospital. She holds the certificate of the Fever Nurses' Association.

### HEALTH VISITOR AND SCHOOL NURSE.

**Borough of Batley.**—Miss Hilda Robertshaw has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at North Brierley Union Infirmary, Clayton, Bradford, and has since had experience of private nursing.

**Borough of Hyde.**—Miss Frances Marguerite Holland has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, and has held the position of Health Visitor in the City of Nottingham.

**Borough of Ilkeston.**—Miss Hilda Blair has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Leeds, and is a certified midwife and holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute. She has had experience as a Health Visitor and Infant Welfare Worker, in Newcastle-on-Tyne and Manchester.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following ladies have been appointed to Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India (Temporary) in the grade of Staff Nurse:—Miss J. Emmett, Miss J. H. Warner, Miss M. E. Iddenden, Miss L. Lyall, Miss E. Henwood.

### NURSING MERIT REWARDED.

The Council of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, on the recommendation of Professor G. Elliot Smith, Morison Lecturer, have awarded the Morison prizes for meritorious attendance on the insane for the year 1922 to Nurse Annie Duncan, of the Royal Asylum, Gartnavel, Glasgow, and Senior Attendant Charles Tough, of Craig House, Morningside, Edinburgh. The prizes were bequeathed by the late Sir Alexander Morison, a former president of the College, and are of the value of £3 each, with silver medal and certificate.

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