

tion of contract for such vacancies in the permanent service as may then exist.

No gratuity is payable on completion of service, but free passage both ways is given. Outfit allowance of £20 (or £25 in the case of those who have not previously served with a Military Nursing Service) will be granted. Free quarters, fuel, light, and punkah pullers are allowed in addition to pay.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Military Department, India Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, and be clearly marked "*Temporary Nurses*" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Original certificates and testimonials should not be sent.

When will our Government Departments give the same support to the professional status of the "Registered Nurse" as they do to the "Certified Midwife"?

Reply: When the nurses wake up to the value of legal status. Nothing is more certain that if the nurses are content to remain unclassified domestic workers their employers are more than content to have it so.

THE IRISH NURSES AND MIDWIVES UNION.

The recently issued Members' Circular of the Irish Nurses and Midwives Union, of which the Hon. Albinia Brodrick is President, and Mrs. Mortished Hon. Secretary, contains an account of its Annual Meeting held in Dublin. After the Hon. Secretary's Report had been presented and considered, a number of matters of importance to the members were discussed, including State Registration of Nurses, standard salaries and fees for nurses and midwives, and the "handywoman" evil.

The Council declared by resolution its opinion that all nurses, religious and lay, should conform to the same standard of training and enjoy the same conditions of work, receive the same salary and emoluments, be prepared to perform the same duties, and should enjoy equal opportunities of promotion; that in all matters affecting the public health it is imperative that nursing experts should be consulted, and the considered opinion of the professional organisations of nurses be taken; that all nursing posts in the new county hospitals and homes should be filled only by fully-trained nurses and midwives; that the minimum salary for a trained nurse should be £75 per annum, with board, furnished apartments and uniform allowance, and that the hours of duty worked should not be more than forty-eight per week; that in regard to midwives' private cases, when a nurse is engaged on a case no other nurse may take on that case without first making sure that the nurse first engaged is not available, and that if this rule is broken the nurse should be reported to headquarters.

It was further agreed to hold a public meeting in Dublin in January, and to embark afterwards on a big campaign against "handywomen."

The Union has done good work in getting arrears of salary paid to midwives in dispensary districts; and in securing an addition to the pension of the maternity nurse at Ardee whose position as midwife for the workhouse was abolished at the closing down of that workhouse. When pensions were first discussed by the Guardians it was decided to add years to the service of all the officials *but* the nurse! The Union wrote twice pointing out the injustice of this, and the matter was readjusted.

It will thus be seen that the Union is tackling economic problems with energy and determination.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Highgate Hospital, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.—Miss Janet Thorpe has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has been Assistant Matron at the Highgate Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal Edinburgh Asylum, West House, Edinburgh.—Miss Ida Mary Wooster has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Edinburgh Infirmary, and the Simpson Memorial Hospital, and has been temporary Night Sister at the Longmore Hospital, Edinburgh, and Night Superintendent at the Melrose District Asylum. She is a certified Midwife.

Gloucestershire Tuberculosis Institution, Stoneham.—Miss Hilda Hedges has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, and the West of England Eye Infirmary. She has had experience of the nursing of tuberculosis cases, and also of private nursing.

SECRETARY-SUPERINTENDENT.

Nursing Association and Children's Welfare Centre, Bexhill.—Miss Alice Watson has been appointed Secretary-Superintendent. She was trained at the General Hospital, Saffron Walden, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Acting Sister at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and Sister at Islington Maternity Home. She is a certified Midwife.

SISTER.

Hackney Union Infirmary, Homerton.—Miss E. M. Gupwell has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Islington Infirmary, where she was subsequently Staff Nurse, and in Midwifery at the Bradford Municipal Maternity Hospital. She has also worked as a Staff Nurse in the Territorial Force Nursing Service.

Miss Isabel Peffers has been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, and has been Sister at Toxeth Park Infirmary.

Victoria Hospital, Burnley.—Miss Anne Wild has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne, where she subsequently held positions of responsibility.

Miss Ethel W. Arthur has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and is a Certified Midwife.

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