

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH, 1922.

MR. KENNEDY asked the Minister of Pensions whether he is aware of the dissatisfaction amongst nursing sisters who have been invalided owing to their war service, with the treatment they are receiving from his department; that some who are afflicted with incurable diseases have been refused treatment unless they submit to two monthly examinations by Ministry of Pensions' medical officers, in spite of the fact that they have sent in medical certificates from eminent specialists to say that, in their opinion, these examinations are unnecessary and harmful; that many of these nursing sisters refuse treatment rather than submit to these examinations; and that, owing to the fact that during the war their salary was in many cases only £40 and £50 per annum, they cannot afford to pay for treatment themselves; and whether he will have this matter investigated.

MAJOR TRYON answered:—The information in the possession of my right hon. friend does not at all support the suggestions made by the hon. member. Examinations in connection with medical treatment are not made oftener than, in the opinion of the Medical Advisers to the Ministry, the circumstances require. It is obviously the duty of my right hon. friend in the direct interests of the patient no less than of the State to secure effective supervision over treatment provided by his Department and, for this purpose, he does not consider that an examination once in two months is unreasonable or excessive.

MEMORIAL TO CANADIAN NURSING SISTERS WHO DIED IN THE GREAT WAR.

The nurses of Canada have undertaken to place at Ottawa a memorial to the Canadian nurses who died while on military service in the great war. The project was discussed freely at the last annual meeting of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, and, while there were many opinions as to the form which the memorial should take, all were agreed that some permanent witness to their heroic sacrifice should be erected. The official record of the losses of Canadian Nursing Sisters is as follows: In the Canadian Army Medical Corps: Fourteen killed by enemy action in France, two died of wounds in France, eighteen died of disease overseas, fifteen drowned by enemy action at sea, seven died on home service. Canadian nurses attached to the American Army Nurse Corps: Six died on active service abroad, six died on active service at home. Practical difficulties in the way of educational memorials, as well as the feeling that at the national capital there should be a visible tribute to the heroism of these women, brought about the decision to place there "a permanent structure." Permission has been obtained to erect the memorial on federal ground in Ottawa.

Miss Jean Gunn (the Chairman of the National Committee) is endeavouring to secure permission to place the memorial inside the Parliament Buildings instead of in Major Hill Park.

The location desired is on the ground floor in the main corridor near the entrance to the parliamentary library.

Designs are being submitted by artists and sculptors. About £2,000 has been subscribed by the nurses affiliated in the National Association.

APPOINTMENTS.**MATRON.**

Prestwood Sanatorium, Wolverhampton.—Miss Katriene Edis has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and in infectious nursing at the Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, the Hospital, Little Bromwich, near Birmingham, and has been Night Superintendent at the Hull City Hospital, Deputy Matron at the New City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool, Matron of Wirral Sanatorium, Birkenhead, of the Government Colony Hostels, Coventry, and of Leith Infectious Hospital. She is a Registered Nurse.

City Maternity Home, Wakefield.—Miss Edith Morton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and has been Holiday Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, School Nurse and Health Visitor at Burton-on-Trent, and Night Sister at the Maternity Hospital, Leeds.

Royal City of Dublin Hospital.—Miss Eveline M. S. Johnston has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has held the following positions: Sister, Endsleigh Palace Hospital for Officers, London; Sister-in-Charge, Bignor Park Hospital, Sussex; Night Sister and Sister, Evelyn and Addison Wards, Guy's Hospital. Miss Johnson is also a Certified Midwife.

SISTER.

Greenwich and Deptford Hospital.—Miss Mary Elizabeth Hudson, R.R.C., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Highfield Hospital, Sunderland, and has been Charge Nurse at Craiglockhart Hospital, Edinburgh, Sister at a Military Hospital, at Retford, and Sister-in-Charge at Trent Bridge Nursing Home, Nottingham. She is a Certified Midwife.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Herefordshire County Council.—Miss Emma Jane Gleadell has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Rochdale Union Infirmary, and has been School Nurse and Health Visitor for the Borough of Accrington.

PRESENTATION.

An Illuminated Testimonial was recently presented to Miss Graham, the Matron of the Westhulme Hospital, by Captain Bailey, President of the Oldham Branch of the British Legion, on behalf of that body and the Oldham Cheer-Up Concert Party.

The address reads: "We congratulate you upon your magnificent work carried out at the Westhulme Hospital for all the patients who have passed through your hands, not forgetting the soldiers and sailors. Your energetic work is highly appreciated by all the residents of Oldham. May you be long spared to carry on the good work you are doing."

Miss Graham thanked the donors, and said it would be very highly appreciated.

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