

Nursing Profession as the Department of which he is head is closely associated with the organisation of nursing through the Nurses' Registration Act. So far, since the lamented death of the late Sir Robert Morant, and the resignation of Dr. Addison, mistake after mistake has been made in the administration of this Act, inspired by the controllers of the College of Nursing, Ltd. It is to be hoped that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will adopt a more liberal policy towards the rank and file of the Profession, whose content and efficient work reacts upon the standards of health of the whole nation. Nursing is an arduous profession; young women in these days are not over-burdened with ideals, or love of drudgery and restraint, and constant opposition upon the part of their controllers to their just demands is gradually making one of the finest professions for women unpopular. Thus the people suffer.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Nurses.

FEBRUARY 28th.

COL. SIR C. BURN (Unionist, Torquay) asked the Parliamentary Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department, as representing the Ministry of Health, whether it is intended to return the whole or any part of the contributions on account of unemployment insurance paid by nurses, including sisters and hospitals, during the period of two years, in view of the fact that no benefit will accrue to the parties who made them from such payments; and, if not, why not; and what was the amount of contributions paid by or in respect of hospital nurses and sisters from July 1st, 1920, to June 30th, 1922?

SIR M. BARLOW: I have been asked to reply. I have no power to refund these contributions. It would be a laborious undertaking to ascertain the amount of contributions paid by nurses or of the benefit drawn by them. I would point out, however, that when the proposal for the exclusion of nurses was before Parliament it was ascertained that a considerable number of nurses were drawing benefit, and, in view of this, a definite understanding was arrived at that contributions should be paid by nurses up to July, 1922.

General Nursing Council.

MARCH 12th.

MR. T. GRIFFITHS (Lab., Pontypool) asked the Minister of Health the result of his inquiries as to what was the cost of the election of the nurses' direct representatives on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales which had to be quashed; and what was the cost of the second made necessary thereby?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (Mr. Neville Chamberlain): I am informed that the total cost of the election, including the cost of printing the lists of registered nurses, but excluding the expenditure entailed by the second ballot, was £635 9s. 1d. The net cost of the second ballot, after deducting the amount recovered from the contractors who were responsible for the miscarriage of voting papers for the first ballot, was £116 18s. 0½d.

Remarks.—Thus, owing to the Register not having been published, which it should have been, according to the Rules—necessitating the printing of a special list of names at great cost—the placing of issue of the election papers in the hands of an

ignorant outside firm, and the spoiled papers numbered, as they should not have been—the election has cost the nurses £752 7s. 1½d., quite double the amount it should have done if it had been efficiently organised. The reply given to Mr. Griffiths is, in our opinion, very misleading, and great waste of money is indisputable.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Hull Royal Infirmary.—Miss Elizabeth Armstrong has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and has been Assistant Deputy Matron at the Halifax Royal Infirmary, and at the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Leeds.

MATRONS.

Chelsea Infirmary, Cale Street, S.W. 3.—Miss S. Smith-Bevan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has held the positions of Assistant Matron at the Fulham Infirmary and Matron of the Birkenhead Infirmary.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Harborough Road, Northampton.—Miss Emma Croft Borton has been appointed Matron. She was trained for four years at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and for two years at the City Hospital, Nottingham; and has been Sister-Housekeeper at Northampton General Hospital.

Florence Nightingale Hospital, Bury.—Miss I. Dowling has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Manchester South Hospital, and at Liverpool City Hospital, and has held the appointment of Matron to the Isolation Hospital, Hawarden, near Chester, and at Hinckley, Leicester.

Aitken Sanatorium, Holcombe, Ramsbottom.—Miss M. A. Ogden has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Salford Union Infirmary, Pendleton, and has been Sister and Night Superintendent at Townley's Hospital, Tamworth, and Senior Sister at Aitken Sanatorium, Holcombe.

Isolation Hospital, Wolverhampton.—Miss Mary Borton has been appointed Matron. She was trained for three years at the West Bromwich District Hospital, and in fever nursing at the Oakwell Joint Hospital, Birstall, near Leeds. She has held the position of Sister and Matron's Deputy at the Isolation Hospital, Stafford, and of Matron (temporarily) at the Tamworth Isolation Hospital, and for nearly four years at the Isolation Hospital, Stafford.

ASSISTANT-MATRONS AND TUTORS.

Severalls Mental Hospital, Colchester.—Miss Alice Nixon has been appointed Assistant Matron and Tutor. She was trained at the Hartlepool Hospital and at the City Mental Hospital, Gosforth, where she obtained the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association. She has been Assistant Matron at the Murray Royal Asylum, Perth; and Assistant Matron at the City Mental Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HOME SISTER.

London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Miss Jessie Williams has been appointed Home-Sister. She was trained at University College Hospital, and has been Day, Night, and Tutor Sister at University College Hospital; and Superintendent Sister at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton.

NURSING SISTER.

The Hospital, King Edward Avenue, Dartford.—Miss Ellen Henderson has been appointed Nursing-Sister. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Highgate, N.

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