

QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE INSTITUTE.**TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

Miss Sarah J. Lambert, R.R.C., is appointed to the Isle of Wight, as County Superintendent; Miss Grace Barrett is appointed to Brighton; Miss Margaret Clarkson to Leeds (Holbeck); Miss Annie R. Crawford to Woolwich; Miss Constance K. Gudgin to Warwickshire; Miss Edith Milner to Guildford; Miss Florence E. Wager to Bedford.

TO OLD COLLEAGUES.

The late Dr. Thomas H. Kellock, of Upper Wimpole Street, W., bequeathed £100 to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, as a permanent endowment of the Medal for the Nurses' Prize instituted by him; £1,000 to Mrs. Ralph Hiscox, of Killieser Avenue, Streatham Hill, and £500 each to Miss Elizabeth Winstanley and Miss Flora Cranston, of Felixstowe, "three whose friendship I have enjoyed and valued since the time we worked together at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street"; and £50 to Miss Ellington, "who manages the refreshment bar at the Out-Patients' Department of the Middlesex Hospital."

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.**WAR PENSIONS FINAL AWARDS.**

We are requested by the Ministry of Pensions to state, for the information of Nurses who were disabled in the Great War, that Amendment Regulations under the War Pensions Act, 1921, have been issued, bringing within the scope of the War Pensions (Final Awards) Regulations, 1922, the following classes of awards, hitherto excluded:—

(1) All awards in respect of disabilities attributable to or aggravated by service in the Great War notified between the 31st March, 1919, and the 19th August, 1921, in virtue of which there has been granted a gratuity, or a weekly allowance or other award (other than a wounds pension or a conditional pension) to which the previous Regulations do not apply.

(2) All awards in respect of disabilities attributable to or aggravated by service in the Great War, made by the Admiralty or the Army Council under any Order in Council or Warrant prior to the 15th February, 1917, in virtue of which a permanent pension (other than a wounds pension) or a gratuity has been granted.

Nurses who have had awards of either of these classes notified to them, are entitled, if dissatisfied with their award, to appeal to the Pensions Appeal Tribunal, provided they give notice of appeal within the year ending 6th February, 1924. The Pensions Appeal Tribunal is empowered to confirm, increase, decrease, or set aside a Final Award. (Copies of the Regulations may be purchased through any bookseller, or from H.M. Stationery Office.) For further information Nurses should apply to the Secretary, Ministry of Pensions, Officers' Branch, 3, Sanctuary Buildings, Westminster, S.W.1.

SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Club will be held in the Club House, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, March 24th, at 3 p.m. The Most Hon. the Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Club, in the Chair.

The Annual Report and Financial Statement will be submitted, and Members will be elected to fill vacancies in the Committee of Management. Members and friends interested are cordially invited to be present. Tea 3.45 p.m.

M. R. STEWART.

THE IRISH NURSES' CO-OPERATIVE HOSTEL CO., LTD.**AN ENCOURAGING REPORT.**

The Annual Meeting of the Nurses' Hostel Company, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, was held on Monday, March 5th, 1923. The chair was taken by Miss Huxley, and the Report, which gave a very satisfactory account of the year's business and finance, was unanimously adopted.

It is now some eleven years since the foundation of the Hostel, which was due to a desire on the part of several Dublin Matrons to provide a really comfortable Central Home for Nurses working on their own account where the workers would take part in the management and share equally the profits. The fine Georgian house in Stephen's Green was acquired and fitted up for the purpose, and under Miss Carson Rae, the business prospered from the beginning, and the Board of Directors spent much time and thought to ensure success. The result has been the building up of a large connection, and a very successful Co-operative Society.

The original Board of Directors have now retired, and the Nurses themselves have taken over the Hostel. It is hoped that prosperity will continue to attend the Company under the new Directors, and Miss Collins, its Secretary.

SILICA DUST DANGER.

The Home Secretary has appointed a Committee (1) to inquire into the working of the Scheme for the Refractories Industries under the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1918; and (2) to advise on any proposals for applying the Act to other industries which may be referred to it by the Secretary of State.

The Silicosis Act allows the Home Secretary to provide for the payment of compensation by the employers of workmen in any specified industry involving exposure to silica dust. Recent research has shown that dust of this type acts as a chemical poison and very greatly increases the liability to consumption and also probably to Bright's disease. Granite, limestone, and coal dust are not poisonous. It is evident that such knowledge cannot be ignored by public authorities.

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