

was mentioned in Despatches in September, 1918, received the Royal Red Cross (First Class) in the same year, and in June, 1919, her name was in the Birthday Honours List as having been awarded the Order of the British Empire, Military Division.

In May, 1919, Miss Macaulay returned to Craig House, after a most interesting experience in France, and in April, 1920, she was appointed to the post of Matron at the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone. There are 1,800 beds in the hospital, 1,080 of which are allotted to female patients. The Medical Superintendent, Dr. Wolseley Lewis, is keenly interested in the progress of Mental Nursing, and Miss Macaulay is happy in having as her Chief one with whom it is a pleasure to co-operate.

MISS ALICE REEVES, R.R.C.

Miss Alice Reeves, R.R.C., Registered General Nurse in Southern Ireland, who was a Member of the First General Nursing Council in that country, and has been appointed a Member of the Council of the British College of Nurses by the Trustees, was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, from 1893—1899, and held the position of Sister there. She has had an interesting nursing career, and was decorated with the Royal Red Cross for her services in military hospitals in England during the Great War.

In 1907 she was appointed Matron of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital at Dublin, and her hospitality, courtesy, and kindness will be remembered by many members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, who took part in Dublin in the delightful Conference organised by the Irish Nurses' Association in connection with it in 1913.

In 1919 she was appointed Matron of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, a most interesting old hospital, and an excellent nurse-training school, a position she still holds.

Miss Reeves has throughout her nursing career worked for the advancement of nursing through professional organisations of nurses. She has been President of the Irish Nurses' and Matrons' Associations, Vice-President the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and when the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses was formed she was appointed one of the delegates of the Irish Nurses' Association upon it. This entailed real sacrifice in time and money, and, during the war required courage also, when to cross the Irish Channel involved even risk of life.

Miss Reeves is an excellent speaker, and a charming companion, full of wit and vim, as those who came in contact with her during the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Helsingfors can testify.

She is now President of the National Council of Nurses in the Irish Free State, which was affiliated with the International Council of Nurses at that meeting.

SCHEME OF PENSIONS FOR HOSPITAL OFFICERS AND NURSES.

We desire, once again, to draw attention to the Scheme of Pensions for Hospital Officers and Nurses, and the steps taken by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, on July 5th last, to start this Scheme, which affects not only nurses in hospitals, but in all branches of the profession.

It is important, therefore, that all nurses should grasp its significance, and more especially because it is anticipated that the Scheme will be in actual operation by January 1st, 1927, or possibly earlier. Nurses may thus find that they come within the scope of the Scheme, and must give it financial support, whether they desire to do so or not, and whether or not they have a voice in its organisation and administration.

A provisional Council consisting of (a) one representative of each participating hospital, (b) two representatives nominated by the Hospital Officers' Association, (c) two representatives nominated by the College of Nursing, Ltd.; and a Provisional Executive Committee has been appointed representing the same interests.

The Scheme is to include all female professional nurses, whether nursing the sick, or doing work under a public authority. In its complete form it includes all probationers after one year's training, but it will be open to each Hospital to decide whether to admit probationers after one year's training, or not until they are State Registered as nurses: it is to be compulsory for all new entrants into the service of the Hospital to join the Scheme according to the period the Hospital may have decided to adopt for the admission of probationers,

The total contribution is to be 15 per cent. of salary

and emoluments, the hospital to pay 10 per cent. and the Officer or Nurse 5 per cent.

Emoluments are to be reckoned for the purposes of the Scheme as follows:—Probationers and Nurses, £50; Ward Sisters, £60; Home Sisters, £80; Assistant Matron, £80; Matron, £150.

CONTRIBUTION FOR PRIVATE NURSES.

For Nurses in private nursing service a special scale is suggested by the College of Nursing, viz., a flat rate of 3s. 9d. weekly from the nurse, and 7s. 6d. weekly from the employers, besides 1s. 6d. special contribution to cover interval between employment, i.e., an employer's contribution of 9s weekly.

We ask nurses working on Private Nursing Co-operations on the percentage system to realise what this would mean. It would certainly sound the death-knell of such co-operations.

We strongly advise all those whom these proposals affect to study carefully:—"Outline of Scheme as approved by the King's Fund," and "Steps taken to start the Scheme." They can be procured from the printer, Geo. Barber, 23, Farnival Street, E.C.4., price 6d. each net, post free.



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