

associations concerned a scheme was adopted whereby in return for services rendered by the district nursing associations in dealing with patients for whom care in the Council's hospitals is not essential, the Council substantially increased its grant, that for the half-year to 31st March, 1933, being at the rate of £4,000 a year. The offer of the Central Council for District Nursing in London to distribute the Council's grant to the several district nursing associations was accepted."

Settlement of Uniform Scales and Conditions.

No dearth of Applicants for Training.

It is interesting to note the Committee's report on the effect of uniform conditions on applications for vacancies as probationers.

"The shortage of candidates for the nursing profession had in the past been felt in the public hospitals in London as well as elsewhere. The settlement of uniform conditions promptly had its effect in an increasing number of applications for entry as probationers to the Council's service. For 2,632 positions of probationer nurse filled in the year ended 31st March, 1933, there were 9,671 applications.

"During 1930 and 1931 the engagement of an additional 650 nurses was authorised to bring up to a better standard the nursing of the general hospitals and allocated institutions and also to enable the services of temporary nurses engaged continuously in the general hospitals through the agency of nurses' institutes to be dispensed with, at a saving in cost. For necessary supervision the staff of sisters has been increased by about 80. The total increase in nursing staff is about 930."

It thus appears that there is no dearth of candidates for training when the conditions are acceptable.

BOARD OF TRADE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Insulin and its Salts Chargeable with Duty under the Safeguarding of Industries Act.

The application by the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers, on behalf of certain firms, to include foreign insulin in the list of dutiable articles under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, was recently considered by a Board of Trade Tribunal presided over by Mr. Henn Collins, K.C.

A general *ad valorem* duty of 10 per cent. has been hitherto collected on all imported insulin used by diabetic sufferers.

It was claimed by the British Manufacturers that insulin is a fine chemical produced by a highly skilled chemical process.

The application was opposed by Messrs. C. L. Bencard, Ltd., importers of Danish insulin.

The following announcement was subsequently issued by the Board of Trade:—"The Tribunal constituted under Section 1 (5) of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, as amended by the Finance Act, 1926, has issued its decision on the complaint that 'insulin and its salts' has been improperly excluded from the list H iii, issued by the Board of Trade, of articles chargeable with duty under the Safeguarding of Industries Act.

A majority of the members of the Tribunal have decided that 'insulin and its salts' should be added to the list, and the list is being amended accordingly with effect as from 14th December, 1933."

The result of this decision is that insulin becomes subject to the key industry duty of 33½ per cent. *ad valorem*.

In the House of Commons Dr. Burgin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade stated in reply to questions that "an undertaking had been given on behalf of British makers that their price would not be raised as the result of the new duty. (Cheers.) The Minister of Health had the price of insulin very much in mind and proposed to watch it closely."

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Prince of Wales's Orthopaedic Hospital, Cardiff.—Miss Rachel Miles, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, where she was later Pupil Housekeeper, Sister-in-Charge of Main Theatre, Senior Night Superintendent Sister, Deputy Assistant Matron, and Sister-in-Charge of Female Surgical Flat.

General Hospital, Gorseinon.—Miss R. I. Phillips, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, and has been Ward Sister at the General Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and Day Sister at the General Hospital, Gorseinon.

County Borough of Doncaster Institution.—Miss H. Dunn, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Westmorland Sanatorium, Grange-over-Sands, and at St. Charles' Hospital, London, W.10, where she was later Staff Nurse and Ward Sister. Miss Dunn has also been Senior Sister and Deputy Matron at the Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Doncaster, has done private nursing, and is a Certified Midwife.

Ulverston and District Cottage Hospital, Ulverston.—Miss A. M. Franklin, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, where she also received her Housekeeping training; and has been Night Staff Nurse at the Private Hospital, Leicester; Sister of the Male Surgical Ward at the Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool; Night Sister at the St. Cross Hospital, Rugby; and Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor with Housekeeping at the Leigh Infirmary. Miss Franklin is a Certified Midwife and on the Panel of Examiners in Hygiene and Nursing of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND SISTER TUTOR.

Leigh Infirmary, Lancashire.—Miss E. Bastable, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the West Bromwich and District Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse, Ward and Theatre Sister, and Night Sister at the General Hospital Great Yarmouth; Ward Sister at the General Infirmary Stafford; Night Sister at the Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle; Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the General Hospital Hounslow; and Assistant Matron and Housekeeping Sister at the General Hospital, Pembroke. Miss Bastable holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the General Hospital, Nottingham.

SISTER TUTOR AND HOME SISTER.

Scunthorpe and District War Memorial Hospital, Scunthorpe.—Miss E. M. Fowler-Wright, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor and Home Sister. She was trained at the Children's Hospital and at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, where she was later Acting Ward Sister; and has been Sister-in-Charge of the Laundry Maids' Hostel, Guy's Hospital, London. Miss Fowler-Wright is a Certified Midwife and holds the Diploma of Nursing of the London University.

SISTER-TUTOR.

Darenth Training Colony.—Miss N. L. Hodges, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, London, and at the Mental Hospital, Bexley, where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Hodges has also been Ward Sister at St. Alfege's Hospital, Greenwich, and Senior Night Sister at the Springfield Mental Hospital, Tooting.

HOME SISTER.

Middleton-in-Wharfedale Sanatorium, Ilkley, Yorks.—Miss M. Davey, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at Holgate Hospital, Linthorpe; and at Broomlands Hospital for Children, Linthorpe; and has been Sister at Papworth Hall, Cambridge; Ward Sister and Night Sister at King Edward VII Hospital, Sheffield; and Assistant Matron at the Bradford City Sanatorium, Grassington.

NIGHT SISTER.

City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, Victoria Park, E.2.—Miss M. Thornton, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at St. James's Hospital, Leeds, and has been Staff Nurse at the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs; Staff Nurse and Ward Sister at the Redhill County Hospital, Edgware; and Staff Nurse and Holiday Relief Sister at the Maternity Hospital, Leeds. Miss Thornton is a Certified Midwife.

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