

also psychological, help. This assistance constituted the tuberculosis care work and commonly the best means for giving it was a well-organised Care Committee drawing together the various benevolent agencies of the district and acting in close touch with the family doctor and the tuberculosis medical officer of the dispensary. A Care Committee could save the wage-earner anxiety when receiving institutional treatment by helping to solve such questions as how the family were to carry on as regards rent and care of his children. The Committee could also help those who had received sanatorium treatment to obtain work under sheltered conditions and enable them to live in as healthy an environment as possible. In some cases care organisations lent beds and bedding to enable a patient to sleep by himself or assist in the boarding out of the children of infected patients. It was abundantly clear from these examples that good care work was indispensable if tuberculosis schemes were to have their full effect.

#### NATIONAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN.

The Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, and the President of the Board of Education, Earl Stanhope, have sent the following message to local authorities:—

Over a number of years, and particularly in the last three decades we, that is, the Government, the local authorities, voluntary organisations and workers, and the medical and allied professions, have been building up a network of health services which is probably not equalled by any other country to-day. Much as we have achieved, however, we should not be justified in resting on our oars. The prospective beneficiary, too, has his or her part to play. Some of the services are undoubtedly not being used to the extent which we should all desire, and the help of the family doctor and of the diagnostic and treatment facilities at his disposal is often invoked too late. For this reason the Prime Minister is launching a national campaign to appeal to all, and especially to parents and others who have charge of children, to see that everyone has the fullest opportunity of benefiting by the numerous health facilities at his call, and is in this way helped towards a healthy and happy life. We hope that we shall have the co-operation of all men and women of good will in what we are now trying to do; and we are sure that those who have helped to build up these facilities by their labours will welcome this opportunity to seek further demonstrable proofs of the value of their work.

#### MENTAL SICKNESS.

##### Increase in England and Wales.

The twenty-third annual report of the Board of Control for 1936 is issued (Stationery Office, 1s. 6d. net).

At the end of 1936 there were 155,522 persons notified as being under care in England and Wales, an increase of 1,751 on the previous year. Private patients numbered 15,125, rate-aided patients 139,563, and criminal patients 834. Certified patients numbered 147,794 and voluntary patients 7,166. In addition there were temporary patients. Some 9,361 patients were discharged recovered, and 6,663 discharged relieved during the year.

The board is satisfied with the progress made in the treatment of mental disorders in the early stages. There is, however, a lack of mental hospital accommodation in certain areas, and the medical staffs are not large enough. The treatment of schizophrenia with insulin is being undertaken in order to test its value. The results so far obtained warrant, it is stated, a careful trial of the method.

There were 46,419 mental defectives under guardianship at the end of 1936. In addition there were 36,307 under statutory supervision.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Royal Eye Hospital, St. George's Circus, London, S.E.**—Miss Marjorie Shepnall, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, where she was later Staff Nurse, Ophthalmic Ward and Theatre Sister. Miss Shepnall has also been Ward Sister (Children) at the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton.

**Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.**—Miss L. J. Ottley, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford, and has been Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Croydon, Night Superintendent at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and Sister Tutor and Home Sister at the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

**Manor Hospital, Walsall.**—Miss D. J. Dunn, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, and at the City of London Maternity Hospital. Miss Dunn has been Assistant Sister Tutor at Whipp's Cross Hospital, Leytonstone; Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Chester; and Assistant Matron at St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, London, E.

**Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, Sunderland.**—Miss Sarah A. Parkin, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, where she was later Sister Housekeeper and Second Assistant Matron. Miss Parkin has also been Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

**The Manchester Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Throat and Chest.**—Miss Mary Lawrie, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby, and for a year was engaged in Private Nursing in London. Miss Lawrie has been Staff Nurse at the Hospital for Women, Derby; Ward Sister at the General Infirmary, Macclesfield; Ward Sister and Theatre Sister at the Willesden General Hospital, London, N.W.; Theatre Sister at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; Assistant Housekeeper at University College Hospital, London, W.C.; and Home Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Preston. She holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the University College Hospital, London, and is an Assistant State Examiner.

**Clydach Hospital, Swansea.**—Miss E. Bevan, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, where she was later Assistant Night Sister, and has also been Staff Nurse at the South Eastern Hospital, New Cross, London; Ward and Theatre Sister at Merthyr General Hospital; temporary Night Sister at Llanelly General and Eye Hospital; and Theatre Sister at the Accident Hospital, Barry, Glam.

### DEPUTY MATRON.

**Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport.**—Miss M. Nicoll, S.R.N., has been appointed Deputy Matron. She was trained at the Greenwich and Deptford Hospital, London, and has been relief Administrative Sister at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital; Staff Nurse under the Metropolitan Asylums Board; Ward and Night Sister under the London County Council; Superintendent Nurse under the Worcester County Council; Assistant Sister Tutor under the Cardiff City Council; and Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor under the Walsall Borough Council.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**Victoria Hospital, Burnley.**—Miss E. A. Smith, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, and at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, and has been Sister of the Male Surgical Ward at Victoria Hospital, Burnley. Miss Smith took the Housekeeping Course of King's College Hospital, London.

### SISTER.

**Bellgrove Home, Bell Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.**—Miss M. E. Giraudeau, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, W., and has been Staff Nurse and Ward Sister at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth.

### LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Miss Constance Ida Verner, of Victoria Terrace, Hove, left £5,000 in trust for Mary Borthwick Place (known as Nurse Annie), "now living with me," for life, and £200 and certain personal effects.

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