

THE VALUE OF MEDICINE IN WAR.

The British Medical Association is to be congratulated that it has been able to make admirable terms of service under which doctors will be employed on emergency work in time of war. The scheme has been agreed between the Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Central Emergency Committee of the B.M.A.

There will be two classes of service :—

Class A.—Practitioners in this class will, in an emergency, be called up for whole-time hospital service with a liability for temporary transfer to any part of the country. Those required at the outset will be called up immediately an emergency arises; others will be called up at later stages as required and in the meantime may be employed as if they were in Class B.

Class B.—Practitioners in this class will be liable for hospital service on a sessional basis in their own hospital area according to the needs of the moment.

Practitioners in Class A will be paid wholtime salaries and will refrain from engaging in private practice.

The scale of salaries in Class A will be as follows :—

	Salary
(a) Consultant advise	£1,400
(b) Group officer	1,300
(c) Medical superintendent, hospital of 1,000 beds and over	1,200
Hospital of 750 beds and over	1,000
Hospital of 300 beds and over*	900
(d) Officer in charge of surgical or medical division (hospitals of 500 beds and over)	950
(e) Surgeon or physician specialist	800
Other specialists in charge of departments	800
(f) Medical officers	550
(g) House officers	350

Note.—The salaries stated are on a resident basis. If board and lodging are not supplied, an allowance of £100 a year will be paid in lieu thereof.

*Special consideration will be given in the case of certain hospitals below 300 beds.

Class B officers will be remunerated on the following scale for work done in hospitals :—

For consultant and specialist work :—£2 12s. 6d. a session of two hours' duration up to five sessions in any one week with £2 2s. for other sessions, subject to a maximum payment of 120 guineas a quarter.

For general practitioner work :—£1 11s. 6d. a session of two hours' duration up to five sessions in any one week with £1 5s. for other sessions, subject to a maximum payment of 75 guineas a quarter.

Doctors employed under the scheme will not wear uniform, but they will have a distinguishing badge or other emblem which will indicate whole-time membership of the service.

MORTALITY RATE FROM APPENDICITIS.

The Statistical Survey of Appendicitis by Dr. Matthew Young and Mr. W. T. Russell (Medical Research Council, Special Report Series No. 233, Stationery Office, 1s. net), recently published, is not less valuable because no very striking conclusions have been possible. Among points established is the correlation of the mortality rate from appendicitis with the social class of the patient. The mortality in the highest social class is at least two and a half times greater than the corresponding rate in the poorest social class. Mortality from appendicitis seems to be greater among single than among married women.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, Judd Street, London, W.C.—Miss Lilian B. Henderson, S.R.N., D.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Hackney Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister at the Highgate Hospital, London; Sister Tutor at the King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor; and Home and Tutor Sister at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Chelmsford.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Dutton, near Warrington.—Miss Nellie Minty, R.G.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Aberdeen City Hospital, at the Dundee Royal Infirmary, and at the Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, and holds a Housekeeping Certificate. Miss Minty has been Ward and Theatre Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester; Night Superintendent at the Borough Hospital, Darlington; Ward Sister at the Isolation Hospital, South Ealing, London, and Ward Sister and Relief Night Nurse at Broad Green Sanatorium, Liverpool.

Fraserburgh Infectious Diseases Hospital, Aberdeen.—Miss Nan MacGregor Mitchell, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and at the Aberdeen City Hospital. Miss Mitchell has had varied experience in Private Nursing, as Ward Sister in several hospitals under the London County Council, in Fever Hospitals, in a Pulmonary T.B. Hospital, in a Children's Hospital, in a Surgical T.B. Hospital, as Theatre Sister and Ward Sister. She was engaged in general nursing at the Astley Ainslie Institution, and has been Theatre Sister at the Woodend General Hospital, Aberdeen.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Aberdeen.—Miss Dorothy Frazer, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, where she was later Staff Nurse and Acting Sister, and at the Leeds City Hospital. Miss Frazer has also been Ward and Relief Night Sister, and Home Sister and Tutor Sister at the Westhulme Hospital, Oldham.

DEPUTY MATRON.

Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport.—Miss Esther Jones, S.R.N., has been appointed Deputy Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and has been Ward Sister at the Redhill Hospital, Edgware; Ward Sister, Night Superintendent, Relief Assistant Sister Tutor and Assistant Matron at the Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Leeds Maternity Hospital, Hyde Terrace, Leeds.—Miss Rose E. Ashton, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has been Staff Nurse, the Queen's Institute for District Nursing, Liverpool, London, and Maternity Sister at Tipton. Miss Ashton has also been Sister-in-Charge of the Rest Home and Annexe at the Liverpool Maternity Hospital.

SISTER TUTOR-ASSISTANT MATRON.

Farnham County Hospital.—Miss Annie Dewar, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Sister Tutor—Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Newcastle, and has been Staff Nurse, Ward Sister, Night Sister and Assistant Home Sister at the West Middlesex County Hospital, Isleworth.

HOME SISTER.

Bretby Hall Orthopaedic Hospital, near Burton-on-Trent.—Miss Muriel E. Sands, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, and has been Relief Sister at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital; Ward Sister at the Royal Cripples' Hospital, Birmingham; and Night Sister at the Liverpool Open-Air Hospital, Leasowe. Miss Sands received her House-keeping Training at the London Homeopathic Hospital.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham.—Miss Alice McBride, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the City General Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Staff Nurse, Ward Sister, Night Sister and Senior Night Sister.

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