TRAINING WAR WIDOWS.

The responsibility for the training of war widows, which up to the present has rested upon the Ministry of Pensions, has been transferred this month to the Ministry of Labour. This free training, which is distinct from the Ministry of Labour’s Training Schemes for unemployed women, is extended to widows and to dependents of deceased officers and men, and is only arranged where a remunerative occupation is necessary and where the occupation chosen points to a reasonable prospect of support. War widows are already being trained in such occupations as midwifery, sick nursing, massage, health visiting; also upholstery, dressmaking, and cookery: instruction is, however, not arranged in those trades suitable to disabled men, such as the jewellery trade, watch and clock-making, hat-making, and the manufacture of toys. In the case of widows and the dependents of officers a maximum grant of £75 is allowed to accepted candidates to cover the cost of instruction and maintenance. Widows of deceased men accepted as candidates for training are paid a maintenance allowance up to 12s. 6d. a week as well as training fees. War widows desiring training should apply to the Local War Pensions Committee.

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