

At the tenth annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, held in Philadelphia, the President remarked that "At present the question interesting most of us is the question of State Registration, a question which, I trust, will be satisfactorily answered before the next annual meeting. Let each of us here to-night pledge herself to do all in her power to further this movement."

The Nurses' Missionary Union.

We drew attention in a recent issue to the formation of a Nurses' Missionary Union, which fills a place hitherto unfilled by any society in seeking to interest nurses in missionary work, and, more, to prepare themselves for the work before them, while they are in training. The Union has recently issued further particulars of its organisation, which will, we think, be of interest to many of our readers, and which, therefore, we have pleasure in publishing.

AIMS:

TO UNITE AS MEMBERS

ALL NURSES WHO INTEND, IF GOD PERMIT, TO BECOME FOREIGN MISSIONARIES WHEN THEIR TRAINING IS COMPLETE.

TO UNITE AS ASSOCIATES

ALL NURSES WHO DESIRE TO WORK AND PRAY FOR THE EVANGELISATION OF THE WORLD.

MOTTO:

"THE EVANGELISATION OF THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION."

The Nurses' Missionary Union seeks

1. To bring this need and opportunity before all nurses in London and throughout the country.
2. To make possible for them a deeper and wider interest in the extension of the Kingdom of God.
3. To help them to prepare themselves for missionary work, while still in hospital, through a knowledge of the achievements and problems of missions and the cultivation of right habits of prayer and Bible and missionary study.
4. To form branches of this Union in hospitals where no such organisation exists, and to serve as a bond of union between such as do exist.

It is not intended to usurp the place of other Christian organisations among nurses, but desires to work alongside of them, as supplementing their work on the missionary side.

Its Distinctive Characteristic

Is that, where possible, all meetings are held inside hospitals and arranged at the discretion of the nursing staff.

Its Distinctive Aim

Is to emphasise the truth that the missionary spirit is essential for the full development of the Christian life.

Full Membership

Is extended to those who intend to become foreign missionaries.

Associate Membership

To those who are willing to unite to work and pray for the evangelisation of the world.

Methods of Work.

Each hospital is free to work as local needs and circumstances shall require.

It is suggested

1. That the members and associates in each hospital shall form a branch of the Nurses' Missionary Union, and appoint a secretary to communicate with the headquarters of the Union.
2. That they meet in small groups for missionary study, Bible study, and prayer at regular intervals, where possible, weekly.
3. That general meetings for all nurses be held occasionally for special missionary addresses and conference.

Organisation.

The Nurses' Missionary Union was formally inaugurated, a provisional constitution for one year was passed, and a Committee elected, at a general meeting held on June 17th, 1903.

The Union employs a Travelling Secretary to be at the service of nurses, in giving advice with regard to the organisation of branches of the Nurses' Missionary Union and the development of the missionary spirit, in arranging joint meetings between hospitals and making possible an interchange of experience and sympathy, in suggesting methods of study and preparation for Christian service, in making known to them the needs of mission work at home and abroad, and information with regard to such service.

Application forms and full information regarding the work of the Union may be obtained from—

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The Chairwoman,

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With the extension of missionary work, and the increasing appreciation of the fact that if it is to follow the lines laid down by its Divine Head the healing of the sick must accompany the preaching of the Gospel, there is a wide field for the work of nurses.

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