

Professional nurses would through the Pension Fund Scheme be compelled to help to provide the Maternity Benefit if required for the unprofessional members of its society.

THE TRAINED WOMEN NURSES' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Those trained and in training hospital and infirmary nurses, therefore, who wish to join a society of Professional Nurses, can do so by becoming members of the Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society, which is being well supported, and which has now applied to the Commissioners to become an Approved Society. At a meeting, to be held on Thursday, 20th inst., it is hoped that the nomination of officials and other business will be agreed upon.

The following is the Provisional Committee: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (Chairman), Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Finch, Miss B. Cutler, Miss Mollett (Hon. Organising Secretary), Miss M. Breay (Hon. Recording Secretary and Treasurer), Miss E. B. Kingsford, Miss M. S. Riddell, and Miss Macintyre (General Hospital Nurses), Miss Barton, Miss Elma Smith and Miss A. Smith (Poor Law Nurses), Miss Amy Hughes, Miss Böge and Miss Marsters (District Nurses), Miss L. A. Morgan (Fever Nurses), Miss S. Cartwright, Miss E. M. Waind, Miss Fowler and Miss B. Kent (Private Nurses), Miss H. L. Pearse (School Nurses), Miss E. L. C. Eden (Nurses' Social Union), Miss I. C. Keogh (Past President, Irish Nurses' Association), and the Lady Hermione Blackwood (President, Ulster Branch, Irish Nurses' Association).

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board last Saturday, it was decided to apply to the National Health Insurance Commissioners for a certificate exempting from the provisions of the Act those of the managers and permanent employees who are subject to the provisions either of the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act or of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of the Irish Nurses' Association, having been appointed to act as an Advisory Committee to the Provisional Committee of the Irish Nurses' Insurance Society, at the request of the Hon. Sec. and the Committee of the latter, a special meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Saturday, June 15th. There was a large attendance and much interest shown. The Hon. Sec. of the Insurance Committee gave information as to the progress made in the formation of the Society.

There have been applications for membership, and requests for information from all parts of the country, and it is hoped that a very successful Society will be established. The following office-bearers—President, Vice-President, three Trustees,

a Treasurer, and a Secretary—were elected provisionally until July 15th, or until the formation of the Society is concluded. A vote of thanks was passed to the President of the Irish Nurses' Association by the Sub-Committee, for the kind help and advice she had given them. The President complimented the Hon. Sec. and the Sub-Committee on the large amount of useful work they had already accomplished in the comparatively short time which had elapsed since the Provisional Insurance Committee was formed.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE "CAMP."

The eighth "Camp" for Nurses, arranged by the Nurses' Missionary League, is now being held at Mundesley-on-Sea. Nurses, a few missionaries, and officers of the League, are staying, not under canvas indeed, but in a modern house on the cliffs, from which a fine view of the open sea is attainable. Within a four minutes' walk is the tent, from which two members have already braved the cold and had enjoyable bathes. Less venturesome "campers" can walk along the shore or the top of the cliffs, or can spend their time sitting in some of the many nooks and crannies which overlook the sea. One out-door picnic has already been held, providing scope for much skill in the lighting of a fire and the boiling of a kettle; and ending—tell it not in Gath!—in sports, including a "hobble-skirt race," "thread-the-needle race," and similar amusements. Drives, too, form part of the programme; and the "Camp" has already been twice invited out to tea by kind friends in the neighbourhood. Lest all this should sound too strenuous, let us hasten to add that breakfast in bed is encouraged, and all other forms of "lazing," so that, altogether, the "Camp" is providing a most delightful and refreshing holiday.

And what of the meetings? For the first part of the morning, the members of the "Camp" gather together for Bible Readings or for Bible Circles (the latter sometimes held in some secluded nook by the shore); while, in the evening, talks are given on some missionary topic, or on some aspect of Christian life. Medical missions are represented by one nurse from India, and a doctor from China; while others present have also visited these lands; and the hostess is Mrs. Hoare (widow of the late Bishop of Ningpo). The needs of the homeland are also well to the fore; and the "Camp" is looking forward to an address on "Our Social Responsibility," from Mrs. Willey, M.D., who is coming down for a few days.

All the "Campers" at Mundesley would most heartily recommend all nurses to look out next year for notices of the next "Camp," that they too may have such a delightful time of rest and refreshment—physical, mental and spiritual—as is now being enjoyed by all members of "Mundesley, 1912."

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