

NATIONAL UNION OF NURSES.

(NURSES SOCIAL UNION.)

A meeting was held recently at the Parish Room, Newton Abbot, to consider the advisability of forming a Branch of the Nurses' Social Union for Newton Abbot and the surrounding district. Mrs. Howell kindly presided, and took the chair, introducing Miss Joseph, who most carefully explained the aims and methods of the Nurses' Social Union, showing how helpful it would be to all nurses, in whatsoever branch of nursing they were engaged. She laid great stress on the opportunities it afforded for meeting others interested in various forms of social work, which was a great factor in nursing; also the help that the library and the exhibits are which the Nurses' Social Union possesses.

A discussion followed, and a few questions were asked and answered. Miss Higham proposed a resolution: "That this meeting is of the opinion that a branch be formed of the Nurses' Social Union for Newton Abbot and the surrounding district." Miss Kay seconded the resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

Miss Lee Smith proposed and Miss Bell seconded a vote of thanks to Miss Joseph; then tea was handed round.

Before the meeting closed, names for membership were given in; and a committee appointed, including Miss Bute, Miss Higham, Mrs. Dunn Taylor, and Miss Spuy—Miss Lee Smith (as Hon. Sec.), and Miss Kay (as Hon. Treasurer).

A successful meeting was held at the Queen's Nurses' Home, Cambridge, on Friday, May 23rd, to inaugurate a branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses (Nurses' Social Union) in this town. Nearly forty nurses were present, and the Union was started amidst much enthusiasm.

Miss Lendrum (the Superintendent of the Home) took the chair, and introduced Miss Thurstan (the Central Secretary), who kindly came down from London, to explain the objects of the Union. Thirty-five members were enrolled, and the committee elected.

It was unanimously decided that a monthly meeting of the Union should be held; and that a course of post-graduate lectures be arranged for. It is hoped that debates on questions of the day may follow later.

The meeting was followed by an excellent tea, which was much appreciated by everybody.

Miss Roberts (Secretary of the new Cambridge Branch), 13, Fitzwilliam Street, will be pleased to receive any further names of nurses wishing to join.

At a meeting to be held in Minehead on June 5th Miss Oates (Hon. Vice-President of the Union), who has recently returned from the Balkans, will give an account of her experience in nursing the sick and wounded.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

The National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland has arranged to hold the Annual Meeting and National Council Meetings at Hull this year, beginning on October 6th. The subject selected for discussion is, "The Children of the Nation," and many most interesting papers are announced. Special meetings have also been arranged for mothers, girls, rescue workers, and branch and club workers.

We are glad to learn that the Legislation Committee of the N.U.W.W. has proposed the following resolution for submission to the Council:—

"That the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland urges Parliament to pass a measure to open the legal profession to women."

Miss Agnes Garrett and Miss Chrystal MacMillan have been invited to represent the Union at the forthcoming meeting in Budapest of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance from June 15th to 20th, at which Mrs. Chapman Catt, the President, will preside, supported by ardent Suffragists from all over the world.

A very useful leaflet has been issued by the Union on "The Care of the Feeble Minded," by the Hon. Mrs. Gell, and can be obtained, price 1s. per hundred copies, from the Secretary N.U.W.W., Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, London, W.

KA-ATIE QUIRKE.

I found myself alone in a country lane in Ireland. Arriving at the station I had received many directions from several persons at the same time to the distant cemetery for which I was bound. So many turns to the right, so many to the left, and if indeed I would go up a certain lane and take endless turnings on every hand, "it would be a shorter way, it would indeed." "How far?" "Well a mile and a half, yes indeed." I had started equipped for bad weather, and in the pouring rain proceeded to profit by my friends' advice. But at the first parting of the ways doubts began to arise: was it to the right or to the left I had to turn here? Was the lane before me the way that would be "shorter indeed?"

No finger-post, no creature in sight. Shortly, however, down the same lane came a little girl. She walked in a leisurely manner. Neither hat nor coat had she, and her ragged frock was no protection from the rain. Her broken boots were far too large, and one reflected that if by temperament she were inclined for haste, the boots made it impossible. Her short untidy hair fell about her face and shoulders.

Could she tell me the way to the cemetery.

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