

other mornings there were short prayers, followed by Bible Circles (usually held out of doors), in which we discussed parts of the Gospel according to St. Luke. At the evening meetings addresses were given on missionary and social questions, on various aspects of discipleship, and on meditation. Perhaps more than at any former Camp the message of these various addresses centred round one subject—the awfulness of sin, and the need for absolute surrender to God. Time after time the same thought was expressed by different speakers, and it may be that one of the most lasting results of Camp will be a much deeper realisation of sin in the lives of those who were present. Accounts are given later of these addresses on Discipleship and of the Call to Service, which was heard in many different ways. One other message came home to us strongly—that of the power of the Holy Spirit. As Miss Richardson spoke at prayers on this all-important subject, and helped us to see the change that came over the Apostles, by which the faltering, doubting, sinning men became the strong, powerful leaders of the early Church, we came to realise something of our need for such a change, and to seek for this new power for our own lives."

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL AT BOURNEMOUTH.

The most convenient train for Bournemouth for those attending the Meeting of the Matrons' Council on Friday, 25th July, from London, leaves Waterloo Station at 10.15 a.m., arriving at the Central Station Bournemouth at 12.48. The Quarterly Business meeting is called for 3 p.m. in the Bourne Hall Hotel, West. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak on the State Registration of Nurses at 3.45, at an open meeting, after which there will be a social gathering at which Miss C. Forrest will be hostess.

### NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES

There was a large gathering from Dorchester and the surrounding districts at the Princess Christian Hospital, Weymouth, on Monday, July 7th, when an interesting meeting was held in connection with the above Union. Miss Thurstan (Temporary Secretary of the London Branch) kindly explained for what purposes the Union was formed. Then Dr. Sanderson-Wells gave an interesting address on "Nursing as a Profession." It was an enthusiastic gathering, and twenty members and associate members were enrolled. After that the guests were entertained to tea by Mrs. Cleaver, and most of them enjoyed a visit to the wards of the Hospital. A committee was formed and Mrs. Cleaver (Matron of the Princess Christian Hospital) was elected treasurer and representative.

### "NURSE BETTY" IN PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday in last week Dr. Chapple asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been called to a case in the police court taken under the White Slave Act in which a woman purporting to be a nurse by being dressed in nurse's uniform was concerned; and whether, in view of the growing frequency of this abuse, he will, pending the extension of the franchise to women, take any steps, by legislation or otherwise, to protect the nursing profession in this respect.

MR. MCKENNA: The Prime Minister has asked me to reply to this question. The matter is receiving attention, but it presents very serious difficulties, and I cannot at present add anything to the answer given to a question by my hon. friend on March 13th last.

DR. CHAPPLE: Is the Right Hon. gentleman aware that where Nurses' Registration has been adopted this abuse is almost unknown?

MR. MCKENNA: I am not aware but will inquire.

DR. CHAPPLE: I shall be glad to give the information.

### "DRESSED AS A NURSE."

What is known as the Piccadilly Flat Case was disposed of at the London Sessions on Thursday, July 10th, the real names of the accused and of those implicated being withheld from the public by the magistrate.

"Queenie Gerard," twenty-six, described as an actress, surrendered to her bail and pleaded "Guilty" to a charge of having kept a disorderly house and having for the purpose of gain aided girls aged seventeen, eighteen and nineteen in living a life of shame. It was the first case tried at the Sessions in which a woman has been charged under the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1912.

The interest in this case for nurses is that when the police raided the flat they were admitted by a woman

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who was evidently in the employment of the procuress, and proves that nurses' uniform is used by women actively taking part in White Slave Traffic. This woman calls herself "Nurse Betty," and the police suppressed her real name, although we learn she says she is a midwife. We hope the Central Midwives Board will find out if she is "certified," as no doubt a knowledge of her craft can be usefully employed in connection with a place of ill-fame, in a manner calculated to bring her within the arm of the law.

"Queenie Gerard" was sentenced to three months' imprisonment only, in the second division, so that she will not be contaminated whilst in durance vile by association with Suffragettes, doing penal servitude, or relegated to the third division for breaking a pane of glass! And as

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