

will at last be defined by a legal authority, and such vague, ridiculous and misleading words will not be found in a Government Order!

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NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES

SOMERSET AND BRISTOL DIVISION.

There was a meeting of the Bristol Branch at the Bristol University on February 24th, when Dr. Hey Groves gave a most instructive and interesting lecture on "Modern Ideas in Relation to the Treatment of Fractures." Dr. Hey Groves showed many skiagrams of fractures, illustrating the new method. He mentioned three kinds of treatment:

1st, Massage.—Immediately the bone is broken. This treatment originated in Paris, and if carried out as intended by its initiators, excellent results are obtained. The fractures which do best under this treatment are those with slight displacement. This massage, however, is of particular kind, and must be a smooth, caressing movement.

2nd, Extension.—With any splint; extension with a weight heavy enough to counteract the contraction of muscles.

3rd, An Open Operation.—To cut down on the fracture and unite the break by clamps and screws, which in bad fractures has been found most efficacious.

Dr. Hey Groves' lecture was well attended, and the audience gave signs of evident appreciation.

An annual meeting of the Bristol and Somerset Board was held on February 25th, at Fortt's Tea Rooms, Bristol, when the report and balance-sheet was read and adopted. The report showed that the nine branches had all done good work. There had been 35 meetings in the Divisions, and there was a membership of over 350 enrolled professional members. The lectures given by the N.U.T.N. Health Lecturer were much appreciated, and this is a very satisfactory part of the Union's work in the county.

A new departure was discussed at the Board meeting. One of the members has offered a sum of money for two scholarships for this year for post-graduate training. The training offered is for three or four weeks in some hospital or institution. One scholarship will be for full members and the other for Associate Members of the Union, and applications for the scholarships should be made by the members through their branch secretaries to the County Organiser. The Bristol General Hospital has co-operated with the Union in this scheme, and is offering post-graduate training to members in any special department nurses may wish to see.

FIRST BRANCH IN WALES.

A representative meeting was held at the Queen's Nurses' Institute, Cardiff, by kind permission of Miss Robinson, Lady Superintendent, presided over by Miss Eric Evans, M.B., L.S.A., to consider the advisability of forming a branch

of the National Union of Trained Nurses for Cardiff and neighbourhood. Miss Pye, Central Secretary, explained the aims and objects of the Union, and at the close of her address, which was much appreciated, and when questions had been asked and answered, a resolution was proposed and passed that a branch should be formed for Cardiff, and any trained nurses in the neighbourhood who would like to become members are asked to send in their names to Miss Robinson, 14, Park Grove, Cardiff, who has kindly consented to act as Secretary pro tem. A provisional committee was formed consisting of the following ladies: Miss Mont Wilson, Matron, King Edward VII.'s Hospital; Miss Hay, Matron of the Sanatorium, Ely; Miss Todd, Superintendent, Private Nursing Institution; Miss Williams, Superintendent of Nurses, Union Hospital; Miss Grylls, Superintendent, Maternity Department Q.V.J.I.; Miss Robinson, Superintendent, Queen's Nurses Institute; Miss Wood, Assistant Superintendent, Queen's Nurses Institute.

Among those present were Miss du Sautoy, who is an Honorary Vice-President of the Union and Inspector of Queen's Nurses for Wales; Miss Mullins, Superintendent, Private Nurses' Home; and Miss Hanson, Night Superintendent, Union Hospital.

Votes of thanks were passed to the speaker and chairman, and judging by the enthusiasm of those present and the number of applications for membership already received by Miss Robinson, everything points to this branch, which is the first to be formed in Wales, being a most successful one.

THE ULSTER BRANCH OF THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighth annual meeting of the Ulster Irish Nurses' Association was held by kind permission of Miss Higginson, Superintendent of the Belfast District Nurses' Association, at the Nurses' Home, on the afternoon of the 3rd March. There was a good attendance of Matrons, and the staff of the Home were present also, and kindly officiated at the tea table after the business part of the meeting was over. The President, Lady Hermione Blackwood, was in the chair. Miss M. Workman, Hon. Secretary of the Association, read the report and the financial statement. She said that during the year, four excellent lectures had been given and four picnics had taken place. The Executive Committee had met twice and the Amusements Committee once. There was a balance in hand of £13 6s. 11d., and some subscriptions were still owing. It was proposed and seconded that Miss Bostock, Matron of the Royal Hospital, should be elected Vice-President for a term of three years. Miss Newman, Miss Melville and Miss Workman were elected on the Finance Committee, and the Amusements Committee were re-elected. Lady Hermione said a few words on the necessity of State Registration for Nurses,

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