

## WORKHOUSE NURSING ASSOCIATION.

Her Royal Highness Princess Christian presided over a general meeting of the Workhouse Nursing Association, which was held at 33, Hill Street, on March 10th. Among others present were the Marquis of Salisbury (Vice-President), the Lady Wantage (Hon. Vice-President), the Lord Henry Bentinck (Chairman of the Executive Committee), Mr. H. Dixon Kimber (Hon. Treasurer), and Miss Gill (Secretary).

The Association having been recently re-organised, the objects of work drawn up when the Association was founded in 1879 have been revised by the Executive Committee, and they include the following points which were adopted by the general meeting :

1. To enlist public interest in the whole question of nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries.
2. To promote a high standard of nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries and sick wards; and to advocate the appointment of trained nurses therein.
3. To obtain information on all points connected with nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries.
4. To promote and to assist in any alterations of the law applicable to Workhouse nursing that may from time to time seem desirable.

The Committee has been actively engaged in considering the new L.G.B. Orders, and there was evidence of strong feeling at the meeting that these Orders are still most unsatisfactory as regards the nursing in rural workhouse sick wards; and that pressure must be brought to bear upon the L.G.B. to consider means to solve the question of the proper care of the sick poor in rural districts. The Chairman of the Executive Committee (Lord Henry Bentinck) pointed out that it must be realised that persons in small workhouse sick wards can be as ill as those in a large institution; and require skilled care, whatever the number may be. The desire of the Association is to see a trained nurse appointed in every institution where there are any sick, however few the number. Miss Gibson considered that the formation of a Poor Law Nursing Service was urgently necessary, by which nurses could be attracted to and retained for Poor Law nursing; but she felt that before the formation of such a Service, it would be necessary for the Local Government Board to appoint a strong and representative Advisory Committee to consider carefully the best scheme to carry out such an undertaking.

Reference was made to the great loss the Association had sustained by the retirement through ill-health of Miss Wilson (the Hon. Treasurer); and H.R.H. Princess Christian moved a resolution, which was seconded by Miss James, and carried unanimously, recording the deep sense of the Association's obligation to her for her services to the cause of nursing under the Poor Law.

The Treasurer (Mr. H. Dixon Kimber) made an appeal for funds to carry on the work. He

mentioned that many of the subscribers who had supported the Association in the past had again responded to his appeal; but that new subscribers are needed to maintain a working fund. Information about the Association can be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Gill, 116, Rusthall Avenue, Bedford Park, W.

## NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

For some weeks there has been a movement to start a branch of the N.U.T.N. in Liverpool, and on Saturday, the 7th inst., at a representative meeting of Matrons, it was decided to form a branch. A Committee was elected, on which the various branches of nursing are represented, and it is intended to hold a large general meeting for nurses in a week or two, at which the aims and objects of the Union will be explained, and it is hoped as many nurses as possible will be present. The date will be announced shortly. The Hon. Treasurer is Miss Leigh Clare, Turner Home, Dingle, Liverpool, and the Hon. Secretary Miss Tipper, Liverpool Skin Hospital, Pembroke Place, who will be pleased to enroll members at once. All trained nurses are eligible for membership, the entrance fee is 1s. and the annual subscription is 1s. 6d.

### MINEHEAD BRANCH.

A well attended meeting of the Taunton and Minehead Branches was held at St. James' Church House, Taunton, on Wednesday, March 11th. Mr. Penrose Williams gave a most interesting lecture on "The History of Aseptic Surgery" (1814-1914) at the conclusion of which he urged the importance of the use of gloves, pointing out that if rubber gloves were prohibitive because of their cost, it was within the means of all to wear white cotton gloves, which could be bought for a few pence, and two or three pairs could be boiled and carried in bags in the district bag.

### GLOUCESTER BRANCH.

The March meeting was held at the School of Domestic Science on the 14th, and Mrs. Booth gave a most interesting demonstration of Invalid Cooking.

All present were delighted with the lesson, and those members who were absent missed a great treat.

There will be no meeting on the second Saturday in April, but on April 18th the Secretary will be at home to all members and friends and there will be a Committee Meeting to accept her resignation on her approaching marriage.

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