

## NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

### LEEDS BRANCH.

On March 20th, a well attended Meeting of the National Union of Trained Nurses was held in the District Nurses' Home, Lovell Street, Leeds (26 being present). The members spent a pleasant social evening; entertainment and refreshments were provided by Miss Barlow, Superintendent of the Home. Five new members were elected: Mrs. Beagley, St. Jude's Vicarage; Miss Macbeth, District Nurses' Home, Hunslet; Miss Kitchen, Matron, District Nurses' Home, Wakefield; Miss Barrett, District Nurses' Home, Hunslet, and Miss Smith, Public Health Department, Leeds.

The next Meeting will be held in the District Nurses' Home, Lovell Street, on April 24th, at 7.30 p.m., by Miss Barlow's kind invitation, when discussion will take place on "Are Nurses Underpaid?" and on "State Registration of Nurses."

Branch Secretary, Miss Barnes, District Nurses' Home, Hunslet; Branch Treasurer, Miss Hill, Assistant Matron, The General Infirmary, Leeds.

### SOMERSET AND BRISTOL DIVISION.

On March 24th Dr. Michell Clarke kindly gave a most interesting lecture to the members of the Bristol Branch of the N.U.T.N. at the University. The subject was, "Some Nervous Diseases." Dr. Michell Clarke described the difference between brain and spinal cord lesions, their symptoms, and treatment. The lecture was well attended and the audience was most appreciative.

### WORCESTER BRANCH.

A very successful inaugural meeting of the Worcester Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses was held on March 25th at the General Infirmary, Worcester, at 3 p.m.

The President, Lady Hindlip, was in the chair, and a large gathering of Nurses, representing many branches of work, were present, together with other interested friends.

An address, by Miss Pye, the Central Organising Secretary, was much enjoyed by all present, and questions were asked at the close.

A report of the work up to date was given by the Hon. Secretary, and also a short statement of accounts was presented by the Hon. Treasurer.

Miss Herbert, the Matron of the Infirmary, then put the names of those ladies who had consented to act on the committee before the meeting, and no other names being suggested, the provisional Committee was confirmed.

Votes of thanks were moved and seconded to Miss Pye and the President, and to Miss Herbert for her kind hospitality in offering the room (to which a special interest attaches, inasmuch as the first meeting of the British Medical Association was held there) and providing tea.

At the close of the meeting many new members' names were enrolled.

Miss Stirling, of the Women's and Children's Hospital (Lock Hospital), Harrow Road, will give the fourth lecture, on April 4th, of the course on the nursing of Venereal Disease, at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W., at 3.15 p.m. Miss Clarke, M.B., B.S. Lond., will preside.

### PRESENTATIONS.

Miss Shakespeare, who for a period of seventeen years has been connected with the City Hospital, Grafton Street, Liverpool—for ten years as Assistant Matron, and for the last three years as acting matron—has been the recipient of several presentations to mark her departure from that hospital, on taking up the position of Deputy Matron of the City Hospital East (Old Swan), to which she has just been appointed. The presentations consisted of a Queen Anne silver tea service from the visiting physician (Dr. Roberts), the late Matron (Miss Ilbery), and the past and present nurses; a silver tea kettle and stand from the past and present doctors; and a Crown Derby tea service from the domestic staff. A letter received by Miss Shakespeare, signed by the visiting physician, the Matron, and past and present nurses, expressed best wishes for her future happiness and success.

Nurse Borthwick, who has severed her connection with Montrose Nursing Association after five years' service in the community, was recently at a representative gathering in Montrose Town Buildings presented with a public testimonial, comprising a drawing-room clock and chair and a purse of sovereigns. Provost Thomson, who presided, said he had had frequent testimony given to him from various quarters as to the efficiency of Nurse Borthwick's services, of the skill and tact with which she performed her duties, the kindness she showed to those whom she was ministering to, and consequently the gratitude raised in the hearts of many and the good feelings entertained for her.

### RESIGNATION.

At a meeting held at Government House, Cape Town, on February 16th, the Executive Committee of the King Edward VII Order of Nurses accepted with great regret the resignation of the Superintendent-General, Miss J. C. Child, at the conclusion of the year for which she was seconded from her appointment under the Basutoland Government. The wide experience and untiring energy of Miss Child have been of great value in the initial organisation of the work of the Order, and the Committee is indebted to the Basutoland Government for allowing her to undertake the launching of the scheme.

When attending a dinner in Cape Town given by the British Medical Association, His Excellency Lord Gladstone spoke with much appreciation of the nurses' work in South Africa.

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