

NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN WORKERS AND NURSING.

The Annual Conference and National Council Meetings of the N.U.W.W. will be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, on October 5th to 7th, and "Woman's Share in the Work of Reconstruction After the War" will be the chief subject for consideration.

The Council Meetings promise to be of unusual interest to trained nurses, as several of the Resolutions down for discussion intimately concern their work.

A POOR LAW NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Gibson, on behalf of the Workhouse Nursing Association, will propose, and Miss Amy Hughes will second the following resolution:—

"That in view of the understaffing of the sick wards of certain Workhouse Infirmaries and Workhouses, and the consequent unsatisfactory conditions obtaining in many Poor Law Institutions in regard to nursing the sick, this Council urges the Local Government Board to take steps so soon as the national crisis permits, to establish a Nursing Service under the control of the department; by which means not only would the supply of nurses be efficiently regulated, but a status given to Poor Law Nursing.

"It is further strongly urged that as a preliminary measure an Advisory Committee of experts be appointed by the Local Government Board to formulate a scheme."

It is supported by the Bristol, Bromley, Glasgow, Portsmouth, and St. Andrews Branches, and by the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the National Council of Trained Nurses, the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the Women's Industrial Council, and the Women's Local Government Society.

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will propose on behalf of the Legislation Sectional Committee of the N.U.W.W., and Mrs. George Cadbury will second the following resolution:—

"That the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland re-affirms its resolution of 14th October, 1908, 'that it is desirable, both in the interests of the professional status of Trained Nurses and of the public who use their services, that provision should be made for their Registration by the State; such registration to be under the supervision of a Central Board upon which nurses shall have direct and adequate representation.'

"Further, that in view of the majority in favour of the Nurses Registration Bill on its first reading in 1914, the Prime Minister be respectfully urged to grant facilities for a similar Bill next year."

This resolution has received wide and influential support from the Branches at Bradford, Bromley, Cambridge, Croydon, Dundee, East Dorset, Exeter, Glasgow, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Manchester, Oldham, St. Andrews, Scarborough, Sheffield, South Durham and Cleveland, Sunderland, Tunbridge Wells, and is also supported by the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, Scottish Matrons' Association, National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, Society for the State Registration of Nurses, Irish Nurses' Association, the Women's Industrial Council, the Church Army (Women's Social Work Department), Salvation Army (Women's Social Work Department), and National Council of Evangelical Free Churches Women's Auxiliary.

The Scottish Matrons' Association and Irish Nurses' Association support a resolution to control the Liquor Traffic.

The Irish Nurses' Association also supports the demand of equal pay for women employed to take the place of men.

Miss E. S. Haldane will propose a resolution urging local authorities to place suitable women on the Boards of Management of all hospitals, sanatoria, asylums, dispensaries, and nursing institutions, and asks the Executive of the Union to consider the best means for procuring the recognition of this principle by voluntary hospitals.

WOMEN IN KHAKI.

While thousands of Canadian women have crossed the Atlantic to be nearer their soldier husbands, thousands more have joined women regiments that have been formed in different parts of the Dominion. The members of these regiments are dressed in smart khaki uniforms. They drill and train daily, and are under strict military discipline. The movement has been set on foot by the Hon. Ella Scarlett-Synge, M.D., who for the past few years has been practising medicine in Vancouver. Dr. Scarlett-Synge is the daughter of the late Lord Abinger. The object of the corps is that, in the event of trouble, the women should be able to relieve the men in such work as signalling, despatch riding, telegraphing, motor-car driving, and camp cooking. Many of the women who have joined the different corps are already crack shots and good horse-women.

VERSE.

Stars are of mighty use: The night
Is dark, and long;
The Rode foul, and where one goes right,
Six may go wrong.
One twinkling ray
Shot o'r some cloud,
May clear much way
And guide a croud.

Henry Vaughan.

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