

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

It has been decided that the Conference to be held on June 29th, at 2.30, at 46, Marsham Street, S.W., shall be a preliminary one to a large meeting to be held in the autumn.

As the work and engagements of matrons and nurses are well known to be pressing at the present time, and that it is very difficult for them to make plans long beforehand, members of the Matrons' Council and of other organised Nurses' Leagues and Societies who wish to attend the Conference should intimate the same to the Organising Secretary, National Union of Trained Nurses, 46, Marsham Street, S.W. They will be cordially welcomed.

The subjects to be discussed will be the following:—

1. The difficulties of training in small institutions and the possibilities of combined training.
2. The economic conditions in the nursing profession.
3. The political position in the nursing world.
4. The work of the Nurses' societies.

A NEW BRANCH.

On the 8th of June a meeting was held at the Medical Home, Bangor to discuss the advisability of starting a Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses in Bangor. Amongst those present were Miss Hughes and Miss Fison Clarke, Superintendents of the Medical Home, Miss Goodwin, Superintendent of the Bryn-y-Menai Home for Queen's Nurses, and Miss Perkins, Queen's Superintendent. Miss Thurstan spoke on the aims and objects of the Union and pointed out how specially necessary it was to have a strong professional union just now.

A resolution was put to the meeting that a Branch of the N.U.T.N. should be founded in Bangor and was unanimously carried. A small provisional Committee was formed, Miss Fison Clarke acting as Secretary and Miss Hughes as Treasurer. Miss Fison Clarke will be very glad to receive the names of any nurses in the district who would like to join.

NORWICH BRANCH.

A meeting was held on June 3rd, at the Maternity Institute, 106, St. George's Street, Norwich, Mrs. Cozens Hardy in the chair. Dr. Margaret Boileau gave a most interesting address on "Embryology," which was followed by a discussion. Tea was provided, and the aims of the Union introduced.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made through the N.U.T.N.:—

*Russian Medical Relief Expedition (Sisters).—*Miss T. Cotterell, Miss E. Miall, Miss K. C. Wright.

Friends' War Victims Relief Committee, Châlons.—Miss E. Debenham.

*Roehampton Military Hospital (Sister).—*Miss M. H. Rosher.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, 1915—1916.

In presenting the seventh annual report, your Council has pleasure in reporting that, despite the dislocation of business due to the war, the work of the Association is proceeding very satisfactorily.

1. Applications for membership and registration during the past year bring the total number of members and nurses holding the Fever Nurses' Association Certificate up to 2,189.

2. *The Association's Examination.*—Two examinations have been held during the year, one in October, 1915, when 55 candidates entered and 41 were successful, and one in April, 1916, when 121 candidates entered and 81 were successful.

3. *List of Training Schools.*—The Cambridge Sanatorium has been added to the Association's list of Training Schools, and the Birmingham City Hospital, West Heath, removed therefrom, as the latter hospital is now principally used for phthisis.

4. *Salaries of Matrons and Assistant Matrons.*—Your Council has carefully considered the question of the salaries of matrons and assistant matrons of Fever Hospitals and scales have been drawn up, but no action has been taken in the matter up to the present.

5. *Voluntary College of Nursing.*—Early in the year the Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., Chairman of the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance, sent a letter to the Governing Bodies of many of the London and Provincial Hospitals advocating the establishment of a College of Nursing. According to the scheme outlined in his letter, it was proposed that the College should undertake many of the duties and functions of the General Nursing Council proposed to be established under the Nurses' Registration Bill were it to become an Act of Parliament, but without the authority which an Act of Parliament confers. Mr. Stanley further stated that he intended, if he received sufficient support, to apply to the Board of Trade to register the College as a company without the addition of the word "Limited."

From the first there has been considerable opposition to the scheme. The promoters of the College did not approach the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, upon which the Fever Nurses' Association is represented by delegates, although this Committee drafted the Nurses' Registration Bill and has been pressing for its acceptance by the Government, and although the College proposed to deal with all the matters figuring in the Bill. However, the Central Committee approached Mr. Stanley and held two conferences with him and his advisers, in order to ascertain whether an agreement could be arrived at between the two parties towards satisfactory legislation on the Nurses' Registration question.

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