

LEWES BRANCH.

The Lewes Branch of the N.U.T.N. held its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 24th. After the usual business had been conducted, Miss Eden, the Hon. Organiser of the Union gave an address on the work of the Central Office. Miss Eden also explained the developments of the Union with regard to the proposed Royal British College of Nursing. A Resolution was passed unanimously urging the College to arrange for representation of the Nurses' Societies through the Central Committee in any Bill brought forward by the College, to take effect on the Provisional Council of the Bill.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The following paragraph has been sent for publication by Miss Mundy, Hon. Sec. Manchester Branch, N.U.T.N., from the Royal Infirmary, Manchester:—

"The following resolution was sent out to 355 members, the result being 145 not returned, 202 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, 3 too late:—

Resolved: 'That the Manchester Branch very much regrets the action of the Council in opposing the College of Nursing, in its endeavours to obtain union, and begs the Council of the N.U.T.N. to change its policy, and if possible to co-operate with the College.'

"A copy of this Resolution and the result has been sent to the Executive Committee, and also to all Branch Secretaries, asking them to lay the matter before their Committees and their Members."

We presume this entirely misleading resolution has been drafted by Miss Sparshott, the Chairman of the Manchester Branch, and known throughout the nursing profession for years as one of the most intolerant opposers of the State Registration of Nurses, and who recently expressed the opinion that it was the place of Matrons "to suggest, direct and control the College of Nursing"! The Council of the Union is not "opposing the College," but objects to the unconstitutional policy of its nominated Council, of which Miss Sparshott is a member, and cannot "co-operate" with it until it recognises the right of direct representation for the nursing profession on any Body set up to govern it. The N.U.T.N. is a democratic body, and repudiates the claim of Miss Sparshott that "union" in the profession can be obtained by the autocratic control of the nominated Council of a lay Corporation such as the College of Nursing, from which all representation of the organised nurses' societies has been most determinedly excluded. Miss Sparshott may rest assured that the N.U.T.N. is not to be coerced at her will into betraying the fundamental principles for which it was founded, and which it intends to maintain.

Women with conscientious convictions do not change their professional policy as expediency dictates, as the majority of the "anti" Registration Matrons now grouped in the College Council have done.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A quiet day for prayer and meditation will be held on Tuesday, March 27th, by kind permission of the rector, at Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, N.W. It will be conducted by the Rev. G. H. Harris, S.C.F., Chaplain King George Hospital, and the general subject for addresses will be "Faith and Service."

- 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer.
- 10.30 - 12.30 Morning. *Faith.* Addresses:
 1. "Discipleship." 2. "Eternal Truth."
- 2.30-4.30 Afternoon. *Service.* Addresses:
 1. "Worship." 2. "Work." 3. "Vision."
- 7.30-8.30 Shortened Evening Prayer and Intercession, with Address by the rector, the Rev. E. N. Sharpe, M.A. Subject: "The Ideal Servant."

There will be periods for Prayer and Silent Meditation after each address.

Mr. Harris will be in the church from 12.30-1, and from 2-2.30 to give further help to any Nurses who wish.

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE is an inter-denominational society, founded in 1903, with the object of bringing before members of the nursing profession the claims of Medical Missions. It has branches in many of the large hospitals in Great Britain, and a large number of members throughout the world. It seeks (1) to make known the needs of Medical Missions and to secure volunteers for this work; (2) to help those nurses who intend to become foreign missionaries to make the best use of their time in preparing for their future work; and (3) to help members of the nursing profession to dedicate their lives to the service of God whether at home or abroad.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSIONARY WORK.—A missionary nurse should have the best *professional* training. A three years' general training is essential; also, for almost every station, the C.M.B. certificate. Administrative experience, and eye work, dispensing and a knowledge of the administration of anaesthetics are extremely valuable. Equally essential are the qualities of *character*—patience, humility, adaptability, cheerfulness, and above all an earnest desire to win men and women to Jesus Christ through the ministry of healing.

WHERE TO OFFER.—Practically all the Missionary Societies carry on medical work and have vacancies for nurses. Information can be obtained from the Candidates' Secretaries of the Societies, or from the Secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League (see below).

Further information on the above subjects, and advice as to where the best training can be obtained, will be gladly given by the Secretary, Miss H. Y. Richardson, Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.

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