

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

On Friday evening, March 16th, by kind invitation of Miss Marquardt, a meeting of nurses was held at the Camberwell Infirmary. Miss Helen Pearse spoke on the present policy of the N.U.T.N. and an interesting discussion followed.

A meeting of the Norwich Branch of the N.U.T.N. was by the kindness of Miss Edington, held at the Maternity Institute on March 17th. Miss Rimmer gave a short address on the aims and policy of the N.U.T.N. and answered questions. After tea the business meeting for election of hon. officers was held.

The next day, by kind permission of Miss Hamer, a short meeting was held at the Thorpe War Hospital, and after the address questions were asked and discussion was general.

By the kind courtesy of the Commanding Officer and Matron, a meeting of the N.U.T.N. members and intending members was held at the Horton War Hospital, Epsom. Miss Rimmer, of the N.U.T.N., gave a very interesting address outlining the aims and policy of the Union. A strong point was made to the effect that independent opinion of nurses on matters connected with the government of their profession could only be expressed by means of organised societies directly representing nurses' opinion. Several most interesting questions in regard to State Registration were asked. The feeling was practically unanimous that in order to obtain the best service to the public and ensure just conditions for the nurses, *direct* representation on any governing Council was of vital importance. The meeting took place on the 24th inst.

THE IMPERIAL NURSES' CLUB.

There was a friendly and invigorating atmosphere surrounding the "At Home" given last week at the Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, S.W. 1, which augurs well for the future. The artistes who very kindly and most beautifully played and sang were conscious of the appreciative audience they had in the Nurses around them; the listeners drank in the sweet and stirring sounds and were refreshed. There seemed to be an intuitive understanding between these varied succourers of the world—widely different though their mode of service may be.

It occurred to the writer that further inspiration and hope were gathered from the lovely flowers and harmonising colours in which those present found themselves.

The committee and members of the Club are to be congratulated on this celebration of their six months' work. We hope it is the first of many such gatherings, though we venture to wonder whether the limited premises of the Club will prove adequate if the membership increases at its present rate; it is clear that it supplies a long-felt want and must grow accordingly.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Red Cross Hospital, Perth.—Miss A. M. Macdonnell, R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She has had a distinguished nursing career, and has been Lady Superintendent of the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, and Matron of the Irish Hospital in South Africa during the War, and received the Royal Red Cross for her services in this connection. She has also been Matron of the Dublin Castle Red Cross Hospital in the present war. Her appointment as a member of the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals indicates the esteem in which she is held in that city.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Princess Patricia's Military Hospital, Braye, County Wicklow.—Miss Cissie MacMahon has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Mercer's Hospital, Dublin.

HOLIDAY SISTER.

Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, S.W.—Miss M. Paul has been appointed Holiday Sister. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, S.E., and has been Ward Sister at the Chelsea Infirmary, S.W.; Night Sister at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, S.W.; Temporary Sister at the Victoria Park Hospital, N.E., and also at St. James' Infirmary, Balham.

MATERNITY NURSE.

Coleraine Board of Guardians.—Miss Margaret Marlow has been appointed Maternity Nurse for the Dispensary District of Kilrea.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

Examination for the Roll of Queen's Nurses, March 15th, 1917.

1. You are sent for in an emergency to a case of post-partum hæmorrhage—the doctor has not yet arrived. What would you do?
2. If it were considered necessary to sterilize milk supplied from a dairy, how would you do it? What diseases may be conveyed by milk?
3. In connection with what kinds of disease or accident have you had experience of "shock"? What is the nursing treatment of such a case?
4. What precautions should be taken against the spread of diphtheria during an epidemic of that disease?
5. You are sent for by a doctor living at some distance, to go and attend to a case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum. State what you would do.
6. (a) How would you make a patient understand why bread, meat, and sugar must be saved, and how help her to divide and plan the amount allowed so that the children and husband shall be adequately nourished? Or (b) What do you understand by "Preventive Work" in district nursing?

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