

## NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Council meeting of the National Union of Trained Nurses was held at 46, Marsham Street, S.W. 1, on April 26th, with a good attendance of Branch Representatives, and presided over by Miss Pearse.

Miss M. Heather Bigg, Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, was unanimously elected President.

The adoption of the Annual Report was coupled with "An expression of approval of the action taken by the Executive Committee, and the representatives appointed on the Central Committee for State Registration, in supporting that body in its effort to come to an agreement with the College of Nursing, without sacrificing the principle that the Nurses' Societies should be represented on the first statutory Council for State Registration"; so the action of the Executive Committee in upholding the decision of the last Council was again endorsed.

The Chairman spoke on the development of the Union as a self-governing National Society, and suggestions with discussion followed.

In connection with the consideration of State Registration, the following resolution was proposed and carried nem. con.:—"That the Council desires to support the Central Committee for State Registration for the following reasons:—

1. Because it feels that loyalty is due to the body, which has, by its faithful and efficient work, made it possible to look forward to the introduction of State Registration as a recognised necessity, and

2. Because the Bill promoted by the Central Committee secures the vital principle that the organised societies of nurses shall be represented on the first Council, and provides the desirable guarantees that hospital training and (after the time of grace) a Central Examination shall be necessary qualifications for the General Register."

### THE LONDON BRANCH.

At a recent meeting of the London Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses, held at 46, Marsham Street, S.W. 1, a most interesting paper on Infant Welfare was read by Miss Marsters (Supt., Paddington District Nursing Association), and followed by questions and discussion.

On April 24th, Miss Pearse spoke at Charing Cross Hospital on the aims of the N.U.T.N. Referring to the State Registration Bills, she emphasised the fact that nurses should well consider their views and actions as the "period of grace" would ensure plenty of time.

### THE CAMBRIDGE BRANCH.

In connection with the N.U.T.N., Cambridge, a club-room has just been opened; furniture has been given and there are funds in hand for the first year.

Miss Eustace (Matron of Fitzroy Street Home) said that it was considered such a room would be of value to nurses, both for social and educational purposes.

Mrs. Mellish Clark, in opening the club, said that she hoped at the end of the year the experiment would have resolved itself into a triumphant success.



MISS E. M. CANCELLOR,  
Chairman, Executive Committee, N.U.T.N.

Miss E. M. Cancellor, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Trained Nurses, is well known to many of our readers. She was trained at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and is Matron of the Frimley Cottage Hospital. During the war Miss Cancellor has worked in France as Sister in the Urgency Cases Hospital for three months, and is at present in Belgium on the Staff of the Hôpital de l'Océan, La Panne.

### NEW APPOINTMENTS.

*La Panne.*—Miss M. Nicholson, Sister.

*Red Cross Hospital,*

*Barnet.*—Miss E. L. Swankie, Sister.

*Red Cross Hospital, Cirencester.*—Miss D. Yarborough, Sister.

*Exeter V. A. Hospital.*—Mrs. Scott-Blades, Assistant Matron; Miss M. Ricketts, Sister.

### TRAINED NURSES AND THE LABOUR PARTY.

A Deputation, introduced by Mrs. Sidney Webb, was received at the House of Commons by Mr. G. J. Wardle, Chairman of the Labour Party, on Wednesday afternoon, of delegates from the National Union of Trained Nurses, the Scottish Nurses' Association, and the Irish Nurses' Association, to lay before him the opinions of the members of these societies on the question of the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

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