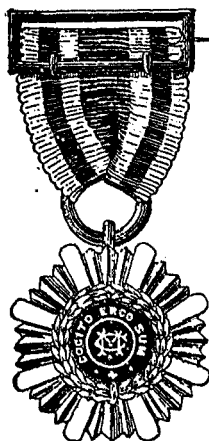


every side. Miss Wrench has many schemes for the extending of her work and the after-care of the babies. She dreams of cottage homes, where the unmarried mother may be the guardian of her own child, holding the view that the State should rather help to support its natural guardian than pay a foster-mother. The treatment meted out to the unmarried mother by the State is one of the stupidest blundering and grossest cruelty. The champions of these unfortunate girls and their injured children should receive generous support from private and public sources, as, to enlightened minds, reform, and not punishment, should be the aim of those who are anxious to help them.

The charge for infants is on a sliding scale, from 5s. upwards.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.



Miss M. Heather-Bigg, the President, has sent a letter to the members of the Matrons' Council, pointing out what a vital matter it is for the entire nursing profession that trained nurses should have direct representation on the First Governing Body in any Registration Act passed by Parliament. She writes: "Now is the moment to decide whether we intend to stand out and govern our own affairs and frame the Rules and Regulations by which we shall in the future

be bound, or allow others to govern us, whose interests are not entirely impersonal."

Miss Heather-Bigg urges the real and pressing importance of the Matrons laying before their nurses "our real aim in supporting the Bill drafted by the Central Committee, as it provides for this vital principle"; and of securing as many signatures as possible to the Petition to the Prime Minister, so that the nurses' interests may be protected.

Matrons and nurses should not forget that the College of Nursing, Ltd., denies this fundamental right to nurses in its Bill, and for this reason is making a most determined effort to persuade them not to sign the Petition. We hope this autocratic intolerance may prove to the Prime Minister the urgent need for direct representation.

THE SUMMER MEETING.

The Summer Meeting of the Council promises to be a great success, as quite a number of members hope to accept the kind invitation of H.H. the Maharaja Jam Sahib of Nawanager and of the Matron (Mrs. Barton) of the Prince of Wales' Hospital for Officers, Jamnagar House, Staines, for July 6th. The train leaves Waterloo at 2.26 p.m., and carriages will be reserved for the members, if possible.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES AT THE BABY EXHIBITION.

The National Union of Trained Nurses will have a stall at the Baby Week Exhibition in the Central Hall, Westminster. Items of special interest to nurses will be the beautifully executed models intended for purposes of instruction of (1) Pathological Infants' Faeces, (2) Exanthemata, to which children are liable, both intended for purposes of instruction. Lecturers will also be interested in the new publication of the Union, "The Beauty of Life." This is a syllabus of lectures to women and girls on the "Responsibilities of Sex," by Miss Constance Symonds, who has had great experience and success as a lecturer on this and kindred subjects. This pamphlet should meet a special need of the day in the education of our future mothers.

Some of the Union's well-known Health Posters will also be on view. There has been a large demand for these for Baby Week from Municipal Councils, Health Societies, and Lecturers. The Union stall will have a selection of these on sale as well as of leaflets for working women, lecturers and nurses.

THE LONDON BRANCH.

A meeting of members of the London Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses was held at 46, Marsham Street, Westminster, on June 13th.

In spite of the air raid, there was a fair attendance of nurses, and Miss Marsh (author of "Toward Racial Health") gave an interesting address on "Parenthood and the Coming Generation."

Miss Marsh's lecture was an admirable illustration of how simply young people may be instructed in the mysteries of parenthood and taught to realize its dignity and responsibility.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman hoped that Miss Marsh would again lecture to the Union, when, after a less exciting day, she might hope to have a larger audience.

IN A NUTSHELL.

Trained Nurse: What is the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses fighting for?

Member of Committee: For the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government.

Trained Nurse: That is a principle worth fighting for. How do I enrol?

Member of Committee: Join the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses and sign its Petition to the Prime Minister, asking for direct representation of the nurses on the Provisional Council which will make the Rules they will have to obey.

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