

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

SALARIES INQUIRY.

By the demand made by the organs running the College of Nursing, Ltd., that only through its largely nominated Council may nursing opinion filter through to the public, it appears to be assumed that all these burning nursing questions of State Registration, Hours of Work, Increased Pay, &c., are quite new. This is rubbish. The nurses have been agitating for professional organisation for thirty years, and certainly will not stand aside because at last their crying in the wilderness has been heard.

State Registration to effect higher and more efficient standards of nursing education has been advocated for years by the more intelligent and independent communities of nurses in England, Scotland and Ireland. The College is merely attempting to reap what others have sown. Again, take the investigation of nurses' hours of work. A sub-committee of the National Union of Trained Nurses devoted much time and consideration to this important matter, and in 1916 published a very good pamphlet, "Salaries Inquiry," which was widely circulated to all hospitals and nurses' societies. The Union took no exception to the College doing the same thing when it appointed a committee to enquire into nurses' hours of work, and it has no doubt found the pamphlet of the N.U.T.N. valuable and instructive.

NURSES' EMPLOYMENT CENTRE.

Employers requiring fully trained nurses, and nurses requiring posts, will find it helpful to apply to the Employment Centre conducted by the N.U.T.N. at 46, Marsham Street, Westminster, S.W. The following appointments have been recently made through the Centre.

APPOINTMENTS.

South London District Nursing Association:
Miss J. Lowery.

Sister, Headquarters Hospital, Exeter: Miss Mears.

Miss Rowell's Nursing Home, 47-49, Beaumont Street: Mrs. Jones.

Sister, Roehampton House: Miss M. E. Scott.

Sister, Military Hospital, Whittingham: Miss A. Holmes.

Night Sister, Miss I. Combes' Hospital, Grange Road, Ealing: Mrs. Type.

Massage Sister, Leicester Frith Home: Miss Plunkett.

THE MANCHESTER BRANCH.

At the annual meeting of the Manchester Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses, which was held in the Manchester Social Club, on Wednesday, February 26th, at 5.30 p.m., the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"That this meeting recognises the immediate necessity for the State Registration of Nurses, and urges upon the Government to provide facilities for renewing the progress of 'The Central

Committee's Bill,' which passed its first reading in the House of Commons previous to the outbreak of war;

"Further, we strongly protest against the opposition Bill promoted by The College of Nursing, Ltd., which is calculated to further the interests of a new Society, and also defeats the object of State Registration by providing for an unlimited number of Supplementary Registers."

THERESA MCGRATH, *Hon. Sec.*

THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR.

At a meeting in London of representatives of various societies interested in infant and child welfare, held under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Stanley, the functions of the suggested central council for co-ordinating the work were discussed and approved. Further information on the subject will be issued after the representatives have had an opportunity of reporting to their societies.

None of the trained nurses' organisations were invited to be present. We hear there is a movement on foot amongst trained nurses not to accept service in public health nursing under untrained Superintendents, Supervisors, Health Visitors, or Red Cross Commandants, and that they are instructing poor mothers to claim trained and highly skilled nurses in welfare work.

BABY WEEK COMPETITIONS.

The National Baby Week Council announces various 1919 competitions in connection with Baby Welfare.

OPEN COMPETITIONS.

Prizes are offered for:—

1. A week's programme of how to make an Infant Welfare Centre attractive and instructive (a) in town, (b) in the country.
2. The three best original postcards in black and white.
3. The best set of bold original illustrations for decoration of Infant Welfare Centres.
4. The best motto, with pictorial representation suitable for Baby Week.
5. The best original toy, the parts so constructed that it can be dissected and rebuilt by a child.

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS.

1. *For School Teachers only*:—
The best suggestions, worked out with examples, for a School Baby Week (remembering that 1919 is an Imperial Week), (a) in town, or (b) in the country.
 2. *For Infant School Teachers only*:—
The best scheme for short and easy "Health Chats" for tiny children, the gist of which might be "taken home to mother."
 3. *For Girls under 18 only*:—
The best set of miniature baby clothes for a doll (consideration given to using up "odd bits").
 4. *For Boys under 18 only*:—
The best home-made toy (washable).
- All articles and essays sent in for the Competition will be the property of the Council, and must reach the office not later than June 1st.
- Full particulars as to regulations and prizes may be obtained from the Secretary, 27A, Cavendish Square, London, W.1. |

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