

connecting link between the Ministry of Health and the people of England. We must remember that the actual teaching and the carrying out of the laws of health are going to be recognised as being of more importance than hitherto. We want properly qualified sisters to be teachers and helpers. We hope that nurses engaged in all branches of preventive work will give the Association of Trained Nurses engaged in Public Health Work the benefit of the practical knowledge they have gained. With this object in view we are going to hold Conferences and publish the information that we gather together.

Miss Bowen, in supporting the Resolution, said that she considered that it was most important that the nurses should have a voice in advising on all questions relating to nursing matters under the Ministry of Health.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

In closing the Conference Her Royal Highness Princess Christian said:—

"I am sure that you will all agree with me when I say that we have listened to three very interesting addresses this afternoon and, in your name, I thank the speakers very warmly not only for those but for the encouragement which their presence on your platform must give to you as regards arranging for further meetings of a similar kind. Once more I wish your new Society every possible success.

A KIND AND WISE FRIEND.

Miss Wise, in thanking the Princess for presiding, said: "It is my very great privilege to propose a hearty vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian for the great honour she has done us in presiding this afternoon at the first Meeting of the Association of Trained Nurses engaged in Public Health Work.

"I need scarcely remind you that our Princess—if she will allow me to call her so—leads the vanguard in all that concerns the best interests of nurses. She has given us her help for so many years and, by fixity of purpose and purity of aim in these times of struggle, endeavours to set us an example of courage and determination. We feel that we have in her not merely a gracious patron but also a kind and wise friend.

"May I ask Your Royal Highness to accept our sincere thanks?"

In acknowledging the vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation, the Princess said she was always glad to feel that the nurses looked upon her as their friend. She could assure them that they had no better friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HON. OFFICERS.

Miss Florence Wise, Superintendent of the Infant Welfare Centre, Canonbury Park, has been elected Chairman of Committee of the Association.

Miss Margaret Alderman has been elected Hon. Secretary.

APRIL CONFERENCE.

A Conference organised by the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work will be held

at 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.30 p.m., when Miss Bowen will speak on "Infant Welfare Centres," and it is hoped that many of the nurses who attend will take part in the discussion afterwards.

SCALE OF SALARIES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS.

The Committee of the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work have drawn up a scale of salaries and have forwarded it to the Minister of Reconstruction, and to the Representatives of the Organised Societies of Nurses on the Special Committee which has been formed under the auspices of the National Council of Women, to consider the Economic Position of Nurses (with reference to hours of work, pay, and physical welfare).

HOW TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION.

For forms of Application for Membership of the Association of Trained Nurses engaged in Public Health Work apply to Miss Alderman, Hon. Secretary, at the Office of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1. The Annual Membership Subscription is 2s. 6d.

Speak thou the truth ; let others fence  
And trim the words for pay.  
In pleasant sunshine of pretence  
Let others bask their day.

Be true to every inmost thought,  
And as thy thought thy speech ;  
What thou hast not by suffering bought  
Presume thou not to teach.

ALFORD.

MANCHESTER WORKERS SUPPORT  
OUR NURSES'S BILL.

The Manchester Branch of the Workers' Union passed the following resolution at its meeting held on March 6th:—

That this meeting, recognising the immediate necessity for the State Registration of Nurses, urges the Government to provide facilities for 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 that we strongly protest against the opposition Bill promoted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which would defeat the object of the State Registration, by providing for an unlimited number of Supplemental Registers.

Copies of this resolution were forwarded to the Government and to the Labour Party. Members of the organized nurses' societies will receive this intimation with sincere gratitude.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

To cure hoarseness, says *The Canadian Nurse*, bake a lemon twenty minutes in a moderate oven ; then open it at one end, dig out the inside, and sweeten with molasses. After it is eaten the hoarseness will be nearly all gone. Repeat in an hour, and the throat will be cleared as if by magic.

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