

#### WHY NURSES IN HEALTH WORK SHOULD SUPPORT THE NEW ASSOCIATION.

Those responsible for conducting the business of the new Association consider that Conferences such as that which is to take place on May 3rd, must prove of far reaching value in bringing about clearer conceptions of the reconstruction called for in all the varied sections of Public Health Work into which the Trained Nurse must enter. The Association has opportunely come into being when many schemes for improving the health of the nation have to be considered and inaugurated, and when it is a grave danger that people entirely unqualified for it are making claims to be entrusted with preventive work. Not only may those "gifted amateurs" undersell the women who have gained a knowledge of it by arduous work and study, but discussions at previous Conferences have shown how heavy sometimes the trained nurses find the burden of supplementing, amending and often undoing the work of those who have not the experience called for, nor sufficient enthusiasm to go through the training required in order to gain it.

At this time of national effort towards the reconstruction of all schemes connected with the health of the people it behoves nurses to come forward and take their share in the weaving of a great new fabric for safeguarding the lives of the nation; stitches dropped now in the weaving will never be picked up again, and this grand new fabric, regarding which we all see visions and dream dreams, will stand to be judged in later years by the health and physique of later generations. As units the nurses engaged in health work have little opportunity of taking a share to any extent in the work of reconstruction. By combining they can bring their expert opinions to bear weight with those responsible for the administration connected with public health work.

#### PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In addition to the various Conferences which it has already held, the Association is working actively for the benefit of nurses belonging to the particular branch of the profession with which it is concerned. At the present time the Committee is going actively into the consideration of the qualifications which should be demanded of women undertaking public health work. It hopes before long to evolve schemes for bringing health workers throughout the three Kingdoms more closely into touch, to help nurses qualified for the work to obtain appointments, and to raise the present scale of salaries. In short, to try to take the tide at a time when old things are passing away and reconstruction is the order of the day.

Miss Alderman asks us to urge nurses to come forward and strengthen the hands of her Committee by joining the Association, and forms of application for Membership can be obtained from her at 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Evelyn Glasspoole has been appointed as a Member of the Nursing Sisters' Institute, 4, Devonshire Square. She was trained at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Infirmary, and joined the Association last year.

#### OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Etta Bloxam, one of the early members of the Corporation.

#### DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer gratefully acknowledges donations from the following:—

*General Purposes Fund.*—Mrs. Greene, £1 5s.; Miss Jackson, £1; Miss E. T. Bickerton, 10s. 6d.; Miss A. Good, 10s.; Miss M. Yule, 8s. 6d.; Miss Jeanes, Miss N. Stewart, 6s.; Miss E. Chawner, 5s. 6d.; Miss M. Alderman, Miss M. Ker, Miss M. Tait, Miss T. Terry, 5s.; Miss Barnes Groom, Miss Macleod, 4s.; Miss Bell, Miss C. Brewe, Miss Cheetham, Miss Collier, Miss Cowie, Miss H. Fowler, Miss Hart, Miss E. Munson, 2s. 6d.; Miss Cook, 2s.; Miss E. Burton, Miss S. Fidler, Miss A. Shorter, 3s.; Mrs. Simmons, 1s. 6d.; Miss A. Brittain, Miss I. Malcolm, Miss S. Munro, Miss M. Slater, 1s.

*State Registration.*—Miss Spencer, 10s.; Miss Copeland, 5s. 6d.; Miss Taylor, 3s.; Miss Henderson, 2s. 6d.

#### AN ADAPTABLE NURSING TROLLEY.

Members of the Association visiting the Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition at St. Andrew's Hall, Mortimer Street, W., and others, should make a point of seeing the Sister Mote Adaptable Nursing Trolley on view in the gallery, where the inventor Sister Mote, M.R.B.N.A., is present to explain the many merits of this ingenious appliance. The Trolley is so constructed that when wheeled to the side of a bed the top will half overlap the mattress, and can be adjusted to any level, thus enabling a patient to be moved on to it without effort. Stability is assured by a frame passing under the bed. We congratulate Sister Mote on her valuable appliance.

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

We draw the attention of Members to the fact that all notices of Meetings in connection with the Association appear in their official organ, and under "Coming Events" of the month in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. We find that several Members rely upon receiving personal notice of the various Conferences and Meetings held from time to time under the auspices of the Corporation. This involves a considerable amount of unnecessary work and expense, and one of the chief purposes of this Supplement is to convey such announcements to the Members.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,  
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