

mittee for 1919-20. A list of nominations for the Committee will be hung in the Hall during the day.

"All Sorts and Conditions of Builders." Miss F. Feare (Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham, and Jammalamadugu).

"God's Need of Builders with Him." The Rev. E. Shillito (author of "The Jesus of the Scars").

Bookstall, refreshments, photographs.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Hemlington Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Middlesborough.**—Mrs. B. Gardner has been appointed Matron. She has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Eston Sanatorium, Yorks, Matron of the Ovenstone Infectious Diseases Hospital, Pittenween, N.B., and Matron and Charge Nurse at the City Hospital, North Liverpool.

### SISTER.

**Springfield Hospital, Bolton Road, Rochdale.**—Miss Mary Beard has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the City of London Infirmary, and has been Staff Nurse at the Southampton Eye Hospital, and for five years Sister at the Memorial Hospital, Ludbiana, Punjab.

**County Hospital, York.**—Miss Florence Moxon has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and has held the position of Theatre Sister at the Royal Surrey Hospital, New Nurses' Hostel.

## PRESENTATION.

Miss Timbrell, Matron of the Lowestoft Hospital has been presented with a cheque and an illuminated address by the local residents of Lowestoft, Oulton Broad, and Pakefield, on her resigning the position to take up a London appointment. Miss Timbrell has been Matron of the Lowestoft Hospital for the last ten years, thus covering the period of the war, and considering the exposed situation of the hospital, and the frequent attacks by the enemy on that portion of the coast the position could have been no sinecure. From the beginning of the war it opened its doors to seamen, local troops, and later small convoys of wounded men from overseas. Miss Timbrell has had a varied career, including service on the Gold Coast and in Siam. Prior to the public presentation, Miss Timbrell was handed a farewell gift from the nursing staff at the Hospital.

## NEW NURSES' HOSTEL.

The Countess of Malmesbury has laid the foundation-stone of a hospital nurses' hostel at Boscombe, Bournemouth. The hostel, which is to provide accommodation for thirty nurses, and is in connection with the Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, will cost £14,000. Mr. Walter Child Clark has given the site.

## LECTURES TO NURSES.

A Course of free lectures to nurses and members of the allied professions, on "Venereal Diseases," will be given by Mr. Leonard Myer, F.R.C.S., at St. Paul's Hospital, 13A, Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C., beginning on Friday, May 7th. We commend these lectures to the attention of nurses and midwives, comparatively few of whom have an opportunity of gaining an adequate knowledge on this subject during their training. Their thanks are due to Mr. Myer for arranging and delivering these lectures.

## PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The P.U.T.N. held a public meeting for Nurses (the first since it was registered as a Trades Union) at King George's Hall, W.C., on April 24th. Mrs. Paul was in the Chair.

The Chairman, in her opening speech, touched upon the work the Union had been engaged in since it started last January, and also gave an outline of what they proposed to accomplish in the near future, notably their plan for the provision and care in sickness.

She also announced that Miss Maude MacCallum, the Hon. Secretary, had had the honour of being appointed by the Minister of Health on to the first General Nursing Council set up under the Nurses' Registration Act.

Dr. Welply, Secretary of the Medico-Political Union, explained the origin of Trades Unions. At one time in England it was illegal for any body of persons to combine for any purpose. The Trades Union Act was passed to make it legal for persons to band together for the purpose of safeguarding and protecting their interests.

Miss Parsons, who has acted as Matron in both Civil and Military Hospitals, said she hoped the time would come when all the working staff in a hospital would have direct representation on the Council of that hospital. She thought it would do away with a good deal of friction and injustice. She mentioned a hospital she knew of where the probationers worked from 6.30 a.m. to 9 p.m., with two hours off. Again, the nurses in a great many hospitals were not properly fed, and their accommodation bad. She gave instances where Matrons protesting against the bad conditions of the Nurses, were asked to resign. She thought all Nurses' quarters should be inspected, and that a good deal of trouble was caused by people being on Hospital Boards who did not understand a Nurse's life.

Mr. Naylor agreed with Miss Parsons that all grades of workers should have representation on Hospital Committees, and this was necessary both for the good of the governors and the nurses. Public opinion was on the side of the nurses, but they must not leave their business in the hands of others no matter how interested they might be; the work must be done by the Nurses themselves, through their Union.

Miss Alderman said that the regulations for the training of Health Visitors issued by the Ministry of Health, required very close examination, and that it was safe to predict that had the Ministry been in office for two or three years they would not have been issued in their present form, and reinforced by actual experience of the working of their own health departments, the minimum qualification of three years' training in a general training school would have been laid down, with additional qualifications such as the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board, experience in a Children's Hospital, in tuberculosis nursing, &c.

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