

Act into force surprises "Nero," who appears to imagine "an ordinary good lawyer could have had rules drawn and issued within two months." Evidently "Nero" does not know the ways of Ministries, nor the huge task before the Council. All the same, we are quite in sympathy with getting a hustle on, and compiling and printing the Register of existing and intermediate nurses at the earliest possible date.

### NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The Valedictory Meetings to wish God-speed to 24 members who sail for the mission field this year will be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on Wednesday, September 29th, 1920, at 7.30 p.m.

The chair will be taken and the closing address will be given by J. Howard Cook, Esq., F.R.C.S. (Uganda). Five minutes' talks by some of the sailing members; the Secretary's report.

Missionary address on: "A Remarkable Opportunity for Nurses," by Harold Balme, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., (Shantung Christian University, Tsinan, China).

All members and friends of the League are cordially invited to be present.

#### LIST OF SAILING MEMBERS.

[Those marked \* will have sailed before September 29th.]

Miss E. B. Cook (W.C.M.C.), proceeding to Ludhiana; Miss W. F. Cropley (C.I.M.), to Shantung; \*Miss M. A. Duggan (A.M.), to Adana; Miss E. E. Ford (W.M.M.S.), to Hupeh, China; Miss K. F. Fromman, to India; \*Miss A. Futter, to Newfoundland; \*Miss H. H. Halls (B.M.S.), to Berhampore, India; Miss C. E. Hamilton (W.M.M.S.), to Kalmunai, Ceylon; \*Miss E. M. Hewitt (B.M.S.), to Belgian Congo; Miss I. H. Jennings (B.M.S.), to Meru, B.E. Africa; \*Miss M. Lockhead (L.M.S.), to Madagascar; \*Miss G. McArd (W.C.M.C.), to Ludhiana; Miss M. E. Margerison (C.M.S.), to Iyi Enu, W. Nigeria; \*Miss E. Marshall (C.M.S.), to Mengo; Miss I. M. Morris (C.E.Z.M.S.), to Quetta; Miss H. A. Norton (C.M.S.), to Egypt; \*Miss D. Peacop (B.M.S.), to the Congo; Miss G. Phillips; Miss D. Raine (U.M.M.S.), to Yunnan, S. China; \*Miss S. Rankin (Z.B.M.M.), to Nasik; Miss E. Runacre (U.M.C.A.), to Likoma, C. Africa; \*Miss G. Stapleton (C.M.S.), to Srinagar; \*Miss L. I. Timm (B.M.S.), to Bhiwani; \*Miss A. G. Wilson (C.I.M.), to Shanghai.

### TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

First Private Nurse (a woman of sense): "Well! I do think, considering the difficulties of service, you might at least make your own bed."

Second Private Nurse: "Certainly not, I have made myself a lady, and mean to remain one!"

## THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

#### MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

The Monthly meeting of the Public Health Section of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses will be held at 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W.1, on Friday, September 24th, at 5.30 p.m.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses have arranged a strenuous programme for the Autumn. One of the principal items they hope to bring forward in the near future is the manner in which certain so-called Nurses' Homes, Hostels and Clubs "rook" (there is no other word for it) the Private and Public Health Nurses.

It is very hard for a Private Nurse to have a permanent residence, as she is often away in the country for months at a time, and unless she has a private income, money will not run to a permanent room or flat. Again, she comes in unexpectedly, or is called out in the middle of the night, so that the ordinary boarding-house or small hotel is not for her. Her only refuge, then, is the Nurses' Home, Hostel or Club, and the people who run these have—and they know it—the unfortunate Nurse at their mercy. If she comes back from a long journey at night and cannot get a bed, her position is truly distressing. I was told of two Nurses lately who, being on night duty, could not get a bed to sleep in during the day, but after being up all night, sat and dozed in the park till it was time to go on duty again.

The aim of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses is to band the Nurses together into a solid phalanx, so that they may present a united front to oppose those who try to exploit them, as only an organisation can do, without suffering for it in the way individuals would undoubtedly suffer if they tried to right the wrong.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,  
*Hon Secretary.*

## DISTRICT NURSING AND MIDWIFERY IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Report of Dr. J. P. Walker, the County Medical Officer of Health, for the County of the Isle of Wight, for 1919, is a most clearly compiled and admirable document, and under heading E.—Maternity and Child Welfare, we find instructive references to the work of Midwives and Nurses—Health Visitors and Infant Welfare Centres, the County Nursing Association and the Ryde Creche.

#### NURSES.

The following statement on "Nurses" should be carefully considered far and wide, as it sum-

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