

had a great programme before it in connection with the health of the nation. He had heard of the College of Nursing, Limited, he thought the title of it horrible anyhow. This word "Limited" in the profession of nursing did not suggest union, it suggested worldliness. To the man in the street, who viewed actual facts, it implied no high ideals and itself gave away what the College actually was.

Mr. Todd (Chairman of the Islington Branch of the Constitutional Labour Party) said that he had studied the question, and he considered that the independent nurses were up against a very stiff task. He had tried to get this meeting known in the hospitals, and he was astounded to hear that it was made practically impossible for the nurses to attend such a meeting if they wanted to. Could tyranny be carried farther? Mr. Todd referred to the fact that voluntary collections had been made in many Trade Unions for the Nation's Fund for Nurses, how little did men know the real state of affairs when they gave that money. He considered that the Trade Unionists present would help the nurses by bringing the information laid before them that evening to the notice of their own Unions.

The Resolution was carried, and both Resolutions were subsequently forwarded to the Council of the College of Nursing, Limited.

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, February 25th, at 6 p.m., also the Social Club will be open from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 26th, at the "Plane Tree" Restaurant, 106, Great Russell Street, W.C. 1.

A LIVING SALARY.

I am sure those readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING who are also members of the P.U.T.N. will be gratified to learn that although the Union has been in existence only one year it has already been able to exercise a certain amount of influence for the benefit of Nurses.

Alderman —, of —, called upon me lately for the express purpose of informing me that the Salaries of the Health Visitors, etc., in Bethnal Green have been raised from £105 to £300 per annum, through the suggestions and Scales of Salaries that this Union sent to the Guardians.

One of our Members from the Midlands has also sent us the following letter:—

"Many thanks for what I think is due to your effort, namely, that I, along with other Nurses under the —, have been given a bonus of £41 15s. per year, which brings our salary to a sum we can pay our way better with."

MAUDE MACCALLUM,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL.

FOR CANCER, FISTULA, AND OTHER DISEASES OF THE RECTUM, CITY ROAD, E.C.

For eighty-five years, without a break, each successive Lord Mayor of London has accepted the office of President of St. Mark's Hospital. The present Lord Mayor had intended presiding at this year's Annual Meeting at the Mansion House on Thursday, February 10th, but was unavoidably absent. Col. and Sheriff Wishart, V.D., took the chair on his behalf.

The Report, which was adopted, showed that £1,200 had been raised towards the much-needed improvement of the Nurses' quarters, but that a balance of £800 was still required.

During the past year 630 in-patients had been under treatment, including a clergyman and a captain of the Guards—both reduced to poverty through the war, and both belonging to a class not usually found in hospitals. 1,510 out-patients made 4,876 attendances.

Princess Helena Victoria, President of the League of the Roses (Great Northern Central Hospital) has kindly consented to distribute Badges to members in the Hall of the Northern Polytechnic, Holloway Road, on Tuesday afternoon, 1st March.

It is almost incredible that, at a meeting of the German Hospital at Dalston, Baron Bruno von Schroder should have been able to announce that the hospital had received a gift of £12,000 from the National Relief Fund. If there are people in this country who wish to give money to German institutions while many of our own hospitals are "on the rocks," and have to close beds for lack of funds, they are at liberty to do so, but subscribers to the National Relief Fund have a right to be indignant that their money should be so applied. This is a point of which we hope the auditors will take cognisance.

This Baron was naturalised the first week of the war, and sprang into fame when it became known that in coal famine days he had secured large supplies presumably for the heating of his orchid and fruit houses—and magnificent mansion.

The Islington Guardians propose, with the approval of the Ministry of Health, to admit paying patients to the Poor-Law Infirmary at Highgate Hill. The Guardians stipulate that no discrimination or difference in treatment shall be made between such patients and the ordinary patients, and that special wards shall not be set aside for them. The minimum charge will not be less than the full cost of the maintenance.

We wonder who is going to pay for the 58th part of a male nurse if admitted to the Male Chronic Ward!

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