

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A whole-day Conference of Women's Societies was held on Wednesday, April 13th, at 4, St. James's Square, S.W.1, the residence of Lady Astor, M.P., who issued the invitation and very kindly entertained the delegates to lunch and tea, the object being to band together as many women's societies as possible, to consider questions affecting the interests of women.

A telegram of congratulation was sent to the National League of Women Voters, in convention assembled, at Cleveland, Ohio, expressing a hope of co-operation in the great work lying before women at the present time.

The representatives of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses were among those invited.

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, April 29th, at 6 p.m.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,
Hon. Secretary.

THE IRISH NURSES' AND MIDWIVES' UNION.

A special meeting of the Nurses' Section Committee of the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union was held at 29, South Anne Street, recently, to consider the further organisation of Dublin Nurses. It was decided to hold a series of "At Homes" in the Union's office, 29, South Anne Street, on Wednesdays, at 4 p.m., commencing on the 20th inst., when matters of special interest to nurses were down for discussion. A design for the Union badge was also adopted.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent gifts of lovely spring flowers to several hospitals, amongst them to the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E., and to Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital. Little spring gardens in the wards are an uplifting delight to those confined to a bed of sickness. "I ain't seen primroses and viles a-growing this many a year," a poor woman said to us one day; "I just lies and looks at 'em and feels like a lamb agin."

Princess Mary has promised to visit a fête, which is to be held in the grounds of the Promenade by the riverside at Gravesend on June 29th, in aid of the Gravesend Hospital.

The L.C.C. Asylums Committee recommend that the use of the terms, "pauper lunatic" and "pauper lunatic asylum" should be discontinued, and that the Minister of Health be asked to procure an amendment of the Lunacy Acts substituting the terms "patient" and "mental hospital."

FESTIVITIES AT THE LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

The musical and dramatic entertainments arranged by the nursing staff of the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead, N.W., and held there on April 13th, 14th, and 16th, in aid of the Building Fund of the new Nurses' Home, scored a well-deserved success. The gala night, when the "greats" were there, was, of course, Wednesday, 13th; but on the other nights also everything went with vim, and though there was disappointment about some of the turns, owing to the performers having been called to the colours, yet they were so effectively replaced at short notice, that the programme did not suffer materially. The Matron, Miss Steuart Donaldson, was much in evidence, giving a cordial welcome to the visitors on their arrival, supervising in the green room, and generally making things go. It is difficult, where all was so excellent, to make special mention, but Dr. Harper's impersonation of that "very 'umble person 'Uriah 'Eep," and the sketch, by ten first-year probationers, "Waiting for the 'Bus in the Hampstead Road," caused much amusement. And for quality, finish, and delightful presentment, the singing, without accompaniment, of the Male Voice Quartette, kindly brought by Mr. Hawkesworth, was a treat indeed.

The sketch, "Postal Orders," by the London Temperance Hospital Sisters' Company, was much appreciated; we could wish the Postmaster-General had been there to see a by no means extravagant travesty of the dilatoriness and circumlocution of the women clerks in a post office. On this occasion all ended happily, for by the time the post office had done its worst, in the matter of aggravating delays, an ardent lover had secured the proofs he needed to demonstrate to his fiancée that she had broken off their engagement on a mistaken assumption, and there was no occasion for her to engage herself on the rebound to "Jack" who was leaving for Australia that day, with whom she frantically endeavoured to communicate, first by express letter, then by telephone—only to be cut off her trunk call because the "three minutes were up" just before uttering the words "of course I'll marry you, Jack." In desperation she then wrote out a telegram, which was stolidly read over to her by the head clerk, only to be told when she handed it to the telegraph clerk that it was five minutes after closing time, and she could not put it through. However, "all's well that ends well."

The "turn" of Mr. Herbert Paterson, Sur-

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