

THE NURSES' [MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The Nurses' Missionary League will hold its annual meeting in London on May 11th.

It has been arranged to hold Camp again at Sandsend, near Whitby, from June 11th to 26th.

Nurses Near and Far reports that an All Day Working Party was held, by the kindness of the Matron, at Guy's Hospital. Sewing machings, knitting needles, and bandage-rollers were kept busy, and the result was a nice supply of bandages, aprons, children's dresses, babies' vests, etc., which are to be sent out to St. Stephen's Hospital, Delhi, where a Sister trained at Guy's has been working for some years.

We give below a list of some of the posts for which recruits are wanted, in the hope that some who read them may respond:—

A Sister for the Bermondsey Medical Mission.

A Sister for the Memorial Hospital, Mildmay Park.

Nursing Sisters for hospitals in Palestine and N.W. India (under the Church Missionary Society).

A Sister for the Rainey Hospital, Tondiarpet, Madras (under the United Free Church of Scotland).

A Sister for Swatow Hospital, China (under the English Presbyterian Mission).

A Sister for Nazareth and a Nurse for Damascus (under the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Association).

Nurses for Shanghai and Hongkong (under the London Missionary Society).

A Nurse for a Home for the Children of Missionaries.

District Nurses for the Ranyard Biblewomen's and Nurses' Association (London).

A District Parochial Nurse for Hollington, Sussex.

A District Nurse for Colchester.

A Nurse for the Westmorland District Nursing Association.

Rescue Workers for Mrs. Wallis's Homes, Streatham, etc.

Miss Richardson will gladly give further particulars to any who apply for them.

THE CHARTERED SOCIETY OF MASSAGE AND MEDICAL GYMNASTICS.

The Annual Meeting of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics was held at the Armitage Hall, 224, Great Portland Street, W., on April 16th. Sir Cooper Perry (Chairman) presided, and presented the report of the Council, and the balance-sheet, which covered the period from July 5th to December 31st, 1920. It is a "short year," as the Chartered Society only came into existence on June 9th, 1920. The Council appointed under the Charter came into office at once, and appointed the following standing

committees: Examinations, Training and Registration, Establishment and General Purposes, Finance, Journal and Badge, and these committees have met twice monthly, and done a considerable amount of work.

The Register opened in July, 1920, and on March 31st, 1921, the total membership (Massage Register) was 2,655. Of this number 2,464 were masseuses and 191 masseurs.

The Council in their report express disappointment at not receiving better support from the members of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. In July, 1920, these numbered 4,200; and it was hoped that this number would register in the first year, but only 1,822 are as yet on the books of the Chartered Society. On the other hand, 326 masseuses who held the I.S.T.M. certificate but had not become members of the Society, have registered. It is hoped to publish the first Register in the autumn. The Report states further, "Under the Charter we hoped we had made provision which would ensure the registration of all who passed the examination in massage, but our aim has not been accomplished. Of the 552 candidates who satisfied the examiners in July and December, 98 have omitted to register and, in consequence, have not received their certificates."

The Chairman pointed out that the invested funds amounted to £6,000, but they wanted £12,000 more to make their position secure.

The result of the election of new members of the Council was then announced, these being Miss Angove, Miss Peile, the Hon. Essex French, and Miss Winifred Bliss.

The business was put through without any comment from the members present, until Miss Grafton's paper on Red Cross Clinics and Civilian Patients was reached. Miss Grafton explained that it was thought by some that it would be disadvantageous to masseuses in private practice if these clinics took civilian patients who could afford to pay a masseuse, but that it might be difficult for a masseuse to make a protest in her own locality. The question was one which should be considered. It was no use to make representations to the Council when the work was advanced, but the Council would try to voice the views of the members if it seemed that more harm would be done to a greater number of people than good.

Miss Long thought it would be a pity to close the clinics entirely, as this would have the effect of throwing many of their members out of work, but it was very unfair to take private patients at the clinics. She thought, perhaps, the work might be arranged on a co-operative basis, so many masseuses being employed to attend the various classes of patients at the same salary.

Miss Oswald did not think it likely that the Red Cross would want to limit the patients.

Miss Lucas said the Nursing Associations were originally started for pensioners. In the poor districts the work did not get enough support. They must take all classes.

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