

would not act as a charm, and invited them to close up their ranks so as to give any representations which they might desire to make the force of united action. Next to the teachers they were the largest body of professional workers, but they lacked political power (as instanced in regard to the Hours of Employment and other Bills). Each present nurse should make a point of joining some professional association, the chief of which she enumerated, and delegates from these should meet at least annually, and act as the collective voice of the nursing profession.

Daime Sarah then distributed the prizes won in the Exhibition on view in adjoining rooms, and explained that over £12 had been given for prizes by the Hon. Members of the Council.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Hon. Officers, the Chairman, and the Home Sister for her admirable organisation of the dinner, and many of those present then visited the photographic and needlework exhibitions.

As indicated in the Report the former was much smaller than usual, but many of the photographs shown were of a very high standard.

We do not wonder that the judge found a difficulty in awarding the needlework prizes, for the patching, darning, and plain needlework were wonderful specimens, and the embroidery, drawn thread work, lace, crochet and knitting beautiful in the extreme. We congratulate the Guy's Nursing Staff, and hope that beautiful stitchery will always hold an important position in the accomplishments of nurses.

M. B.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

On Saturday, May 7th, the Council meeting of the N.U.T.N. was held at 46, Marsham Street, Westminster. The President, Miss Pearse, occupied the chair and very satisfactory reports were presented by Miss Rimmer, Hon. Organising Secretary, giving details of the numerous activities of the Union during the past year. The financial report showed a balance in hand, and the Branch reports were encouraging, with a satisfactory increase in membership.

Miss Pearse referred to the many ways in which the N.U.T.N. had benefitted the nursing profession, and also asked members to try to interest younger nurses in committee work and in the work of the Union generally.

Miss Villiers, in proposing the adoption of the general report, gave a short account of the work of the General Nursing Council; other speakers followed, and the subjoined resolution was passed:—

That the National Union of Trained Nurses wishes to give its support to the General Nursing Council in maintaining the standard of training, and insisting upon a term of general training for all nurses to be admitted on to the general Register.

As Miss Rimmer was retiring from the post of Hon. Organising Secretary, which she has held in addition to that of Hon. Treasurer during the last few years, Miss Dowbiggin, in moving the

adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's report, in a few graceful words presented her with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Council, and alluded to the immense services she had ungrudgingly rendered. It was felt that not only the Union but also the whole nursing profession was under a deep and lasting debt of gratitude to her; or he splendid work during a very difficult period. To the great satisfaction of the Council Miss Rimmer has consented to remain as Hon. Treasurer. A very hearty vote of thanks to her was then passed by acclamation.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING would wish to support this vote of thanks to Miss Rimmer, whose devoted services in support of registration in the Lobby of the House of Commons was invaluable.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Council of the Fever Nurses' Association held a few days ago, Miss M. Drakard (Matron of Plaistow Fever Hospital), was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year. The annual general meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, May 14th next, at West Ham Town Hall, Stratford, E., at 2.30 p.m. All members are specially asked to attend.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League will be held in the Clinical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m.

At 3.45 p.m. the meeting will resolve itself into a Social Gathering in the Great Hall, with music by members of the Nursing Staff, arranged by Miss Eyre.

At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Allen Walker will give a short Introductory Lecture as a prelude to a series of six Lantern Lectures on "Old London and its Story," to be given in the autumn.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Social Club Meetings of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, will not take place at the "Plane Tree" Tea Rooms during the summer months, but a Members' Meeting and Whist Drive is being arranged for.

MAUDE MACCALLUM.
Hon. Secretary.

HEALTH MINISTRY WILL NOT HOLD AN INQUIRY.

The Ministry of Health has decided that it cannot hold an inquiry into the recent dismissal of nurses for alleged breach of rules by the Brentford Board of Guardians.

It is added, however, that a public inquiry can be held if specific charges can be brought against the Board. The matter was brought to the notice of the Ministry by the Poor-Law Workers' Union, who took up the matter of the dismissals.

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