

## THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

At a meeting of the Public Health Section of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, held at 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W. 1, the following resolution was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy to the different authorities:—

That all three year trained and certificated Nurses employed in Public Health work, appointed either as Health Visitors, School Nurses, Infant Welfare and Creche Workers, Tuberculosis Visitors, or any other branch of work usually allotted to Health Visitors, should receive a salary of not less than—

	Minimum Bonus as per		Total.
	Basic Salary.	Civil Service Scale.	
Commencing salary, ..	£260	£210 17 6	£470 17 6
rising by £25 per annum to maximum of..	£325	£240 2 6	£565 2 6
Chief Health Visitors and Superintendents, minimum ..	£350	£251 7 6	£601 7 6

These salaries are based on present economic conditions.

A copy of the Resolution has been sent to the Minister of Health and all the Public Health Authorities.

### A MISTAKEN POLICY.

The following correspondence has taken place between Mr. Minet, Treasurer, Nightingale Training School for Nurses, St. Thomas's Hospital, and Miss Maude MacCallum, Hon. Secretary of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses:—

7th January, 1921.

DEAR SIR,—I read, with much interest, in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the Address you gave to the nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital on November 17th, 1920, when you made out a case against Trade Unionism for Nurses.

I quite agree with you that it is a burning topic, and one that every member of the Nursing Profession will have to decide on for herself, but do you think it quite fair to put only one aspect of the matter before the nurses? Will you allow representatives of this Union to put their point of view also before them?

Yours faithfully,

MAUDE MACCALLUM.

11th January, 1921.

DEAR MADAM,—My talk to our Nightingale School came in the ordinary course of our yearly meeting for the presentation of the medals. This gathering is a purely family one at which none but those directly connected with the School assist. It would be quite outside our usual practice to allow anyone not so connected to address our nurses on any topic, nor indeed is any Address on subjects outside the curriculum ever made to them except on that occasion.

Were this allowed, we should risk making our School a debating society, and so fall away from our true aim, which is, of course, purely training.

I am, yours truly,

WILLIAM MINET.

### 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, January 28th, at 6 p.m.

### THE "ECLIPSE" HOT-WATER BOTTLE.

Why is it that nurses are almost always chilly people, and few go to bed at this season without a hot-water bottle? Miss M. Loane has put it on record that nurses for some unexplained reason require an extra blanket. We think the explanation is probably to be found in the drain on the nervous system entailed by nursing. Be that as it may, a hot-water bottle is part of the equipment of most nurses, and it follows that they will be wise to exercise care in its selection.

The india-rubber hot-water bottles manufactured by Messrs. J. G. Ingram & Son, Ltd., have several points worthy of attention, which cannot fail to recommend them to intending purchasers. As all nurses know, the weak point in rubber hot-water bottles is usually at the neck where, in course of time, the action of water permeates between the brass washer and rubber, causing leakage. This weakness has been overcome in the "Eclipse" Hot-water Bottle by a patent constructed neck in which the brass socket is embedded in rubber, thus rendering it impossible for leakage to occur.

Again, the new patent socket facilitates the filling of the bottle; but perhaps the most important special feature is the "Patent Rubber-covered Screw Stopper." The loss of washers is a fruitful source of annoyance and trouble. The rubber-covered screw stopper completely eliminates that trouble, and when the stopper is screwed into position the bottle is absolutely watertight.

Lastly, remember that Ingram's "Eclipse" Hot-water Bottles, which can be obtained through all chemists or stores, are British-made at the London India-rubber Works, Hackney Wick, E.7.

### SALE ECONOMIES AT MESSRS. GAYLER & POPE'S.

We have pleasure in drawing the attention of Superintendents of Nursing Homes, and others, to the advantageous terms upon which they can obtain household linens during the Sale now proceeding at the well-known establishment of Messrs. Gayler & Pope, 112-117, High Street, Marylebone, W. 1. Specially to be commended are the Admiralty Bath Towels as supplied to the Government, at 3s. each, and some bleached damask supper cloths, 50 inches square, reduced from 5s. 6d. to 3s. 11½d. But the Sale ends on Saturday, January 22nd, so there is no time to be lost in securing bargains.

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