

## THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The first meeting of the Council of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses for 1922, took place at 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, on Thursday, January 12th.

The Secretary reported that new members and money were coming in very satisfactorily. It was particularly gratifying to know that members valued the Union so much, as to send their subscriptions of twenty-six shillings per annum so promptly.

Certain letters were placed before the Council with regard to State Registration, and the following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy to the Minister of Health:—

"In consideration of the fact that English nurses working in other countries, are running the risk of imprisonment, a heavy fine, or of losing their posts, for continuing to work without a diploma, the Professional Union of Trained Nurses most earnestly begs the Minister of Health to appoint a sufficient number of members of the General Nursing Council to form a quorum so that the business of Registration may be carried on."

In connection with information laid before them as to the notice of dismissal which was served on many nurses working under the London County Council, the Secretary was instructed to forward to the Chairman of the L.C.C., a copy of the following resolution, which was passed unanimously by the Council:—

"As unemployment among nurses is a very serious matter, the Professional Union of Trained Nurses respectfully urge the London County Council to reconsider their decision to dismiss a number of nurses who are employed under their jurisdiction."

On November 15th and 22nd, 1921, special meetings of those members interested were called to discuss the matter of hospital and institution salaries, and salaries for those engaged in all Public Health work. Scales which were presented by the Executive were unanimously received and adopted by the Council. These scales will be brought before the members of the P.U.T.N. at the Members' Meeting, which will be held on Friday, January 27th, at 6 p.m., after which they will be made public.

The year 1922 has opened very auspiciously for the Union.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,  
Hon. Secretary.

## THE DISTRICT NURSE.

From house to house, from ill to good I go,  
From life to life;  
From hour to hour, as man draws his first breath,  
Or yields his last; and from ecstasy to woe.  
From peace to strife,  
From life to death.

*The Nurses' Calendar, 1922.*

## TRAINING OF NURSES IN LEEDS. DIPLOMATES IN NURSING.

The annual distribution of prizes to the nursing staff of the Leeds Infirmary took place on January 13th, in the Clinical Theatre. The *Yorkshire Post* reports that Mr. T. L. Taylor, Chairman of the Infirmary Board, presided, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Taylor.

The Chairman said during the year the diploma of nursing had been instituted by the University of Leeds, and appropriately enough, the first diploma had been given, *honoris causa*, to Miss Innes, the matron of the Infirmary. Five other nurses had been awarded the diploma by examination. Only five entered for the examination, and all of them had been successful. The establishment of the diploma would raise the status of the profession of nursing, and attract to it many girls of high education who otherwise might have gone into other professions. The standard of work in the examinations had been higher than ever before. The training of the nurses for the examinations had involved a great amount of work for members of the honorary staff. He especially mentioned the names of Dr. Telling, Professor Jameson, and Dr. Jervis.

Sir Michael Sadler, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds, said they in the University were exceedingly glad that the nursing diploma had been instituted. Experience and practical training were indispensable foundations of the nurses' professional equipment. Tact, insight, and imagination were necessary qualities in a nurse, but nothing counted so much as character. "Perhaps," said Sir Michael in conclusion, "the best lesson we can learn is to be content with our duty and to bear what we are set to bear loyally and cheerfully."

The following were the prize winners:—

*Principles and Practice of Nursing.*—1, Frances M. Wilson (First Class Honours); 2 (equal), Mary Horner (First Class Honours) and Madeline Powlson (First Class Honours).

*Chairman's Prizes for Aggregate Marks in Anatomy and Physiology, Medicine and Surgery.*—1, Mathilde Burke (First Class Honours in Anatomy and Physiology); 2, Helen Fehley (First Class Honours in Medicine, Honours in Surgery); 3, Dorie E. Smeeton (Honours in Medicine and Surgery).

*Anatomy and Physiology.*—1 (equal), Helen Grossart (First Class Honours) and Clara Turner (First Class Honours); 2, Frances Wilson (First Class Honours).

*Medicine.*—1, Madeline Powlson (First Class Honours); 2, Clara Turner (First Class Honours).

*Surgery.*—1, Helen Fehley (Honours); 2, Dorothy Cummins (Honours).

*Gynaecology.*—1 (equal), Mary Heneghan (First Class Honours) and Sarah White (First Class Honours).

*Hygiene.*—1, Annie Willows (Honours); 2, Eleanor A. Smith.

*Diseases and Management of Infants and Children.*—1, Sarah White (First Class Honours); 2, Marjorie Craven (Honours).

*Pupil Probationers.*—1, Alexandra Stopford Smyth; 2, Fanny R. Ramsdaile; 3, Mary Horner.

*The Eva Moynihan Gold Medal and Prize of £5.*—Marjorie E. Craven, D.N., University of Leeds (First

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