

## THE CHARITY OF MARIABELLA FRY FOR NURSES.

A scheme for the benefit of Members of the National Union of Trained Nurses, founded by Will by the late Miss Mariabella Fry, is now under the consideration of the Charity Commissioners.

The scheme provides that the Charity shall be administered and managed by twelve competent persons, being two Representative Trustees and ten Co-optative Trustees. The two Representative Trustees who are to be trained nurses resident in the City of Bristol, or the County of Somerset, are to be appointed—one by the National Council of Trained Nurses and one by the Royal British Nurses' Association, and are to hold office for four years; and the first ten Co-optative Trustees will be entitled, subject to certain provisions with respect to determination of Trusteeship, to hold office for life.

The income of the Trust is to be derived from £1,083 18s. 4d. five per cent. War Stock, 1929-47, standing in the names of Helen Pearse, Evelyn Louise Cecile Eden, and Mary Frances Rimmer.

The beneficiaries must be resident in the City of Bristol, or the County of Somerset, and be applied to their post-graduate training, or to provide annuities for those who are incapacitated for work by ill-health, and whose income does not exceed £200 a year, and must be (a) persons who, at the date of the winding-up of the National Union of Trained Nurses, were members or professional associates of that Union; and (b) female nurses, who have for a period of not less than five years, been registered as nurses under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, or any Act amending or re-enacting the same.

## THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Guild of Handicrafts of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses held a most successful Sale at "The Challenge" Book and Picture Store, 24, Great Russell Street, W.C.1 (by kind permission), on Saturday, October 20th.

The variety of handicrafts was bewildering; leather work and knitting, marquetry and hand-painted calendars, &c., in endless variety, the handiwork of one nurse in beads, being specially admired. Eager purchasers showed their appreciation of these charming Christmas gifts.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses has now opened a School of Handicrafts, where all and sundry may learn how to make these beautiful things.

The Offices of the Union, 62, Oxford Street, W. 1, will be open every Monday until Christmas for the sale of useful and uncommon gifts.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fortieth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health on Friday, October 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Chairman of the Council), presiding.

### I.—Minutes of the Last Meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN notified the necessity for one minor amendment.

MISS DU SAUTOY raised the question of the omission from the Minutes of the proposals of the Rev. G. B. Cronshaw in regard to the Examinations, and suggested that it was necessary to rescind them.

THE CHAIRMAN thought Miss du Sautoy referred to the Forms to be filled in by candidates for the Examination; he said these forms were not published because they were not finally passed. Until the Council passed them and the Minister approved them, they were not entered on the Minutes.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that the discussion took place in Committee, and DR. GOODALL supported this, saying that it was not clear that the whole discussion took place in Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the point raised by Miss du Sautoy was met by the adoption at the end of the discussion of the motion, "That the Regulations as amended be approved," and the Recommendation on the Agenda of the present meeting that Recommendation 15, paragraph 10, approved at the last meeting, be rescinded.

The Minutes, as amended, were then signed as correct.

### Vote of Condolence.

A Vote of Condolence with the relatives of the late Miss Amy Trevor Steele, M.A., a Member of the first General Nursing Council for England and Wales, nominated by the Board of Education, was carried in silence, the Council standing.

### Rules Returned by Solicitor.

THE CHAIRMAN reported that the solicitor had sent back in legal form Draft Rules submitted to him for this purpose by the Council.

### Rules re Examinations.

He further said that it was desirable to get the Rules for the examinations before the House of Commons as soon as possible. They were merely carrying out in legal phraseology what had been agreed to by the Council. Would they give power to the Education Committee and the Mental Committee to go through them, otherwise they would have to wait for another Council meeting.

SIR JENNER VERRALL proposed and LADY HOBHOUSE seconded—

That the Examination Rules be forwarded to the

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