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20th August 1913.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst. we shall be pleased to admit a special party of nurses not exceeding thirty in number, and arrange to guide them through the Historical Medical Museum if you will kindly give us a few days' notice.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Curator.

Miss E.L.C. Edon,
Central Organiser N.U.T.M.

Mr. C.J.S.Thompson,

Herewith a letter and particulars in connection
with the Nurses' Social Union.

Will you please write in accordance with Mr. Pearson's
notes on the attached memo from Mr. Morgan.

19th August, 1913

E. Maund

for ~~th~~
Please ring

Mr Miss Brierley
at Buckinghamham Street
ask her confidential
opinion about the Union
without giving reason.
Type out reply & hand
to Mr Pearson. If

Miss B. cannot help
try editor of one of
the best morning papers.
16 AUG 1913

Mr. Pearson

Send to Mr. C.T. for him to reflect that a guide would be provided for a special party not exceeding 30 - provision made for 9 men. Take no notice of the 5th Aug. 1913

Mr. Linstead asked me to ring up Miss Brierly, Editor of "Nursing Notes" and ask her confidential opinion of the N.U.T.N., but as she is not on the telephone I have been unable to do so. The Editor of "The Nursing Times" however, says that the National Union of Trained Nurses is "quite all right". She believes that the Union is working in the best interests of Nurses and is not in any way antagonistic to existing societies.

If any criticism could be offered it might be on the lines that the promoters were not all professional nurses, but this slight drawback ~~is~~ being remedied.

18th August 1913 (HFB)

M.O.R.

Mr. Pearson,

Mr. Linstead,

Can you let Mr. Wellcome know
anything about the attached Institution?

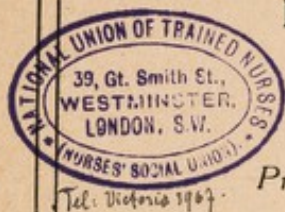
Also your views about request
contained in letter

16th August, 1913

M.D.

NURSES' SOCIAL UNION

A Union to maintain the highest ideals of the Nursing Profession as a Branch of Social Service.



President of the Union : Miss AMY HUGHES.

President of the London Division : Miss HAUGHTON.

AIMS

To promote by co-operation the effectiveness of the Profession and through it the good of the community.

METHODS

1. The provision of facilities for Post-Graduate instruction and the study of Social Questions.
2. The promotion of co-operation between the different branches of the Nursing Profession.
3. The encouragement of a wide outlook by providing opportunities for meeting others interested in various forms of Social work.
4. The formation of an organisation which will enable Nurses, as a united body, to bring questions which concern them before the appropriate authorities.
5. The utilisation of the special experience of Nurses for the public good.

Free Legal Advice is available for Members. Lectures are given by medical and other authorities. Members who are social workers can obtain leaflets, diagrams, &c., at reduced rates. Further developments are in view.

The professional qualification for **Full Membership** is a three year certificate from a recognised Hospital or Poor Law Infirmary, or the post of Matron or Superintendent of an Institution or Association supported by Public or Voluntary funds.

Full Members have a **Distinctive Badge**.

Qualification of Associate Members, list of Branches and all other particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Central Organiser, Miss E. L. C. EDEN, Kingston Grange, Taunton.

Nurses wishing to join the London Division should apply to the Hon. Sec., Miss Gibson (late Matron Birmingham Infirmary), 32, Culmington Road, Ealing.

Merchligen , Rubigen , Berne . August 12 th 1913

Dear Sir .

As Organiser of the National Union of Trained Nurses (formerly Nurses Social Union) I venture to ask you whether you would help on the work in any or all of the following ways .

- X 1. Admit to your Museum any Members of the Union wearing the Official Badge .
- X 2. Provide a guide one day for a special party of Members to go round .
- 3. Lend a lecture room for a lecture to members .

I hope you will not think me very indiscreet but as you know - nurses have little money or time and so we have to ask those who are interested in the development of the profession to help us . I have been working at it now for many years and in spite of difficulties, I believe we are at last making way . Should you care to help us also with a donation we should of course be delighted .

I am

yours faithfully

E.L.C.Eden

Central Organiser N.U.T.N.

You may be interested to know that I have a collection of about 200 slides illustrating the history of nursing .



The National Union of Trained Nurses.

(NURSES SOCIAL UNION.)

A Union to Promote the Highest
Ideals of the Nursing Profession

President . . . MISS AMY HUGHES
(General Superintendent, L.V.J.I.N.)

THE great services which Nurses can render to humanity are being more and more realized. They are being made use of to an increasing extent by the State and by Voluntary Societies. There is no doubt that not only does the Nurse render valuable national service, but she has unusual opportunities for influencing the minds of those with whom she comes in contact. There is therefore in the profession a great potential force for good or evil. And it would be well if more thought were bestowed, not only on the actual work to be done by the Nurse, but on her due equipment and development—mental, psychical, and physical—for her National work. At present, owing to want of co-operation, this power is to a large extent lost or misdirected. The necessity for a co-ordinating body is realized by many, and there is the danger of a number of rival societies being formed, each with some limited material aim, desirable in itself, but owing either to its limitation or its contentiousness, precluding the possibility of everyone joining for the furtherance of the ultimate aim of all Nursing effort—the perfect care of the sick.

This is a critical moment in the history of Nursing. A turning point has come. We shall either sink to the level of a "cut and dried" self-seeking trade, or we shall go onwards, doing better work, becoming nobler citizens, and growing into a great influence for good. The National Union of Trained Nurses has not entered the field as the rival of any other Society. It has been quietly at work in the West Country for some time, is now spreading over England, and has won support from all ranks of the profession. *It is trying to do what no other Society has attempted*—to bring about practical co-operation by means of local Branches throughout the country between those whose hearts and minds are already united in the common desire to promote the good of the profession. All must acknowledge fealty to the aim of the Union :

**"To promote by Co-operation the effectiveness of the Profession, and
through the Profession the good of the community."**

Whilst eminently practical and business-like, the Union strives to uphold those ideals of the profession which will be always associated with the name of Florence Nightingale.

To build our work on a sure foundation the sum of £10,000 is required. This would enable us to establish an Institute of Nursing in London, with Lecture and Club Rooms; an Information Bureau, and possibly a Nursing Museum. The Institute would serve to co-ordinate and further all effort for the good of the profession, which in its turn would become a still stronger weapon than it now is for the fight against Sin, Sorrow and Sickness.

£5,000 has been promised on condition that £1,000 is raised within a short period. Any gift, large or small, will be thankfully received by the Hon. Central Organizer,

Miss E. L. C. EDEN,

Kingston Grange,

Taunton.

who will be pleased to send full particulars of the work of the Union and lists of Vice-Presidents, etc., if required. *Information can also be obtained at the N.U.T.N. Office, 39, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.*