

Coming Events.

June 10th.—Drawing Room Meeting, on behalf of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, at 34, Grosvenor Square, W. The Hon. Sir Charles W. Freemantle, K.C.B., will preside, 3.30 p.m.

June 11th.—National Health Society, Princess Christian presents prizes, 3 p.m.

June 13th.—Metropolitan Association of Women in Council. Annual Meeting at *Review of Reviews*' Office, Mowbray House, Norfolk Street, Strand. Address by Mrs. Sibthorp, 7 p.m.

June 13th.—The Bishop of London presides at the Annual Dinner of Old Students of King's College, London, at the Holborn Restaurant.

June 15th.—Metropolitan Association of Women in Council. Lecture, by Mrs. Sheldon Amos, on Laws in India, affecting women. Wanstead College, Woodford Road, Snaresbrook, 7.30 p.m.

June 15th & 16th.—First Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square. Morning Session, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afternoon Session 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to members free. To non-subscribers, 3/- for the whole Conference, or 1/- for each session. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

PROGRAMME, JUNE 15th.

MORNING SESSION.

11 a.m.—Opening of Conference, and short address of welcome by Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chairman of the Council.

PAPERS:—

- 1.—"The Matron's Duty to her Profession." By Miss Mollett, Matron of the Royal South Hants Infirmary.
- 2.—"Home Hospitals." By Miss Elinor Pell-Smith, Lady Superintendent, Home Hospital, Leicester.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

PAPER:—"The Training of Male Nurses." By Miss M. Greenough Smith, late Matron Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:—

- 1.—"Is the formation of a National Corps of Nurses for active service in foreign wars desirable?" A Member of the Council.
- 2.—"Do institutions, supported on charity, undersell the private nurse?" Sister Beatrix Farnsworth, R.N.S.
- 3.—"Cycling for Private Nurses." A Member of the Council.

JUNE 16th.

PAPERS:— MORNING SESSION.

- 1.—"Specialism in Nursing." By Miss H. Poole, Matron of the East Lancashire Infirmary, Blackburn.
- 2.—"The Nursing of the Middle Classes." By Miss M. Breay, Hon. Secretary, Matrons' Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

PAPER:—"A Practical Standard of Nursing." By Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

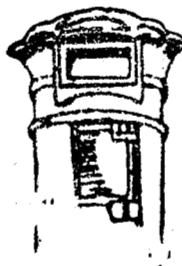
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:—

- 1.—"The need of Sanitary Knowledge for Nurses." Miss Alice Wadmore (late Lecturer to the London School Board for Hygiene in Finsbury), Associate Sanitary Institute.
- 2.—"Would the formation of a Poor Law Nursing Service, under Government, facilitate efficient Nursing in Workhouse Infirmarys?" A Member of the Council.
- 3.—"How to meet the increasing difficulty experienced by Matrons of Hospitals of under forty beds, in procuring Probationers." Miss Georgina Scott, late Matron, Sussex County Hospital.

RESOLUTION BY MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK:—

"That a cordial invitation be extended by the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland to the Honorary Members of the Society, to attend the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women, to be held in London in the summer of 1899, and that hospitality be offered to these ladies for the Conference Week."

June 16th.—The Lord Mayor presides at a meeting in aid of the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital.



Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES. &c.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Will you kindly allow me space in the NURSING RECORD to draw the attention of your readers to the notice of the Programme for the Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council, which you have been good enough to print in another column. The Medical Society's Room, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, is in a very central situation, so that we hope it may be accessible to most people. Chandos Street is on the north side of Cavendish Square, running parallel to Harley Street. For the information of members of the Matrons' Council I may say that I shall be at the Medical Society's Rooms at 10 o'clock, on the mornings of the 15th and 16th, so that any member of the Council who wishes to transact business can do so then, and members will also be able to obtain their badges, which will enable them to pass in and out of the hall at will. Although the Conference is primarily that

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