

Notices.

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Comments and Replies.

Country Matron.—The arrangements concerning the Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council, were discussed at the Council Meeting last week, and you will probably soon receive a notice from the Hon. Secretary. We are glad you intend to be present at the Conference. We think most of those who were present last year, have pleasurable recollections of the first Conference. This year it will of course be of even greater interest, as we shall have the benefit and pleasure of the presence of some of our Hon. Members. Mrs. Hampton Robb, President of the Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada; Mrs. Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals in New Zealand; Miss Reijnvaan, late Superintendent of the Wilhelmina Hospital, Amsterdam, and one of the founders of the Dutch Nursing Association; Miss Dock, Hon. Secretary of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, and formerly Superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago—all Hon. Members of the Matrons' Council—will be in London at the time, as well as

other well-known foreign nurses. We shall therefore have such an opportunity for interchange of thought, and discussion of matters of professional interest, as may never occur to us again.

A Dispairing Pro.—The nursing of incurables needs a special vocation on the part of nurses. There is none of the excitement of a general hospital, and, moreover, an unlimited stock of patience is necessary, as, when everything possible has been done, very often patients seem dissatisfied, and complain to their friends or some member of the Committee that they are uncomfortable and unhappy. It is, of course, one of the first duties of a nurse to treat the thankful and the unthankful in exactly the same way. It is a distinct lapse of duty to show any difference of manner. It is easy to keep an even exterior if one reflects that under the same circumstances one would be quite as querulous and irritable oneself, as any fractious patient.

Staff Nurse, Newcastle.—We shall be pleased if you will forward to us a specimen of your invention.

Mrs. P., Worcester.—Nursing organisation in this country is, at present, in a most chaotic condition, and those who are working for it meet with much obstruction. But this is inevitable in every reform. The public can do much to help trained nurses to obtain legal status, by bringing influence to bear upon their Member of Parliament, but, in order to do this effectually, they must inform themselves on nursing matters. We hope therefore, that the general public will be well represented at the meetings of the Nursing Section at the International Congress.

Miss J., Taunton.—You will find the Englishwoman's Year Book, edited by Miss Emily Janes, and obtainable from the offices of the National Union of Women Workers, 59, Berners Street, W., price 2s. 6d., a most useful book of reference.

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