

PROGRAMME.

Short address of welcome by the Chairman of the Council, followed by ten minutes' Papers with discussion on—

1. "The Balance of Power in Hospital Administration." Miss Mollett, Matron, Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton.
2. "The Value of Discipline in Training." Miss Isla Stewart, Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
3. "The Work of Women on Hospital Boards." Mrs. Hampton Robb, Member of Hospital Board, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

"THE INTERNATIONAL IDEA."

Introduced by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, supported by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Vice-President of the International Council of Women.

It having been represented to the Executive Committee of the Matrons' Council that it would be of great interest to many ladies interested in nursing and hospital management to be present at the Conference, it has been arranged that free tickets of admission can be obtained by application to Miss M. Breay, Hon. Sec., 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

SPECIAL HOSPITALITY FOR NURSES.

Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has issued invitations to the Trained Nurses, and will also invite other Members of the Congress interested in Nursing and Hospital work, to Tea at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Wednesday, June 28th, at 4 p.m.

Coming Events.

June 19th.—First Annual Meeting of the London School Nurses' Society at offices of London School Board, Lady Aberdeen in the chair, 5.0

June 20th.—The Duke of Cambridge presides at a Festival in aid of the Rebuilding Fund of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, at the Hotel Cecil.

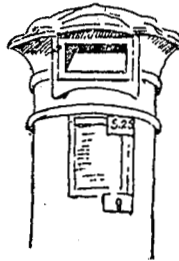
June 21st.—Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, opens (and presides at the Hospital Stall) the Bazaar in aid of Charing Cross Hospital Special Appeal Fund, Royal Albert Hall.

June 22nd.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught open the Bazaar at the Royal Albert Hall for Charing Cross Hospital.

June 23rd.—The Duke and Duchess of York visit Chalfont St. Peter, to open four new Homes for Epileptics.

June 26th.—Opening International Congress of Women, Westminster Town Hall, the Countess of Aberdeen, President, presiding, 2.30 p.m.

June 29th.—National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies' Meeting, Queen's Hall, 8 p.m.



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.

"NURSE ISABEL."

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I have lately returned to London after spending some years at the Antipodes, and sympathise with what "A Male Patient" writes about the appearance of the modern nurse in the London streets. Surely her unkempt and dilapidated outward woman is not indicative of her standard of nursing. "A Male Patient" objects to her airing coloured stockings and obtrusive shoes. A female patient naturally catches sight of her bonnet. Do trained nurses sit upon their head gear? If not, why this battered appearance; and are clothes brushes obsolete articles of daily use? One would imagine so from the appearance of the majority of uniforms worn in the street.

Yours,

"A FEMALE PATIENT."

"THE THIN END OF THE WEDGE."

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Thank you much for your editorial on "Lady Consuls," the new departure proposed by the Hon. Officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association. As a Matron in a large Hospital centre, and one who has on professional grounds severed my connection with the Association, I sincerely hope that any attempt upon the part of these lady consuls to propagate the avowed policy of the Royal British Nurses' Association amongst country nurses will be met with determined discouragement upon the part of the Matrons of our training schools. We country Matrons, in severing our connection with the Association, hoped that by so doing we should escape the fate of our metropolitan colleagues, who, in more than one instance, have had friction aroused amongst their nurses by the medical men influencing the Sisters and Nurses in their wards to accept seats on the committees and support a policy strongly deprecated by the Matron of the Training School. Any such tactics in country towns must inevitably lead to the bitterness and heart-burning which exists in London. My advice to my fellow-Matrons is not to permit any "lady consul" to come between her and the nursing staff of the hospital in which they are at present working together most harmoniously for the welfare of the sick. It is the thin end of the wedge, and we Matrons must discourage such interfering by every means in our power.

Yours truly,

"A LOVER OF PEACE."

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