

Notices.

THE success of the International Congress has been so unprecedented, and the sale of tickets so numerous, that, to afford accommodation for those who wish to be present at the Opening Session and Public Meeting of Welcome, on Monday, June 26th, at 2.30 p.m., it has been arranged that this meeting will be held in the Large Hall at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, instead of at the Westminster Town Hall, as previously arranged.

THE Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at 20, Hanover Square, on Saturday, July 1st, at 10.30 a.m. Members of Congress interested in nursing matters can obtain free tickets for the Conference by application at the NURSING RECORD Stall, Book Room, Westminster Town Hall, where enquiries may also be made concerning all nursing matters.

Comments and Replies.

Matron.—The objects of the Matrons' Council are:—1. To enable members to take counsel together upon matters affecting their profession; 2. To bring about a uniform system of education, examination, certification, and State Registration of Nurses in British Hospitals; 3. To form an Advisory Committee, to which members can apply in cases

of professional difficulty; 4. To hold Conferences to discuss subjects of professional and also of general interest. The address of the Hon. Secretary, who will be pleased to give further information, is 46, York St., Portman Square, W.

Correspondent, Launceston.—We think from what you have told us that your standard compares favourably with that of hospitals at home.

Mrs. Thompson, London.—We do not advise you to enter any private nursing home where the Superintendent is not a trained nurse. It is now quite exceptional to find the Matron of a hospital an untrained person, and the public universally recognize the necessity for professional training on the part of any woman holding so important a position. The like necessity is quite as incumbent on the Superintendent of a private nursing home, if not more so, as there is no resident medical man, and much responsibility therefore falls upon the Superintendent. The sooner this is recognized by the public the better.

District Nurse.—We think it was a mistake to have accepted the post in the first instance, but we should advise you to represent to your Committee that you find you cannot live upon the salary, and therefore that unless they see their way to increasing it you will be obliged to give up the post. The very meagre salary often offered to district nurses is a relic of the time when district nursing appointments were held mainly by uneducated women, with little or no professional training, and who could not therefore command the salary of skilled workers.

Miss James, Leicester.—You should certainly obtain general training, and then take up midwifery, or any other special branch afterwards. It is a mistake to take up any one branch alone. A basis of general knowledge first, then the special training following, should be the rule. It is the only scientific method, and the one insisted upon by the medical profession.

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