

medical men who have ousted all the nurse-members who had the courage to oppose their betrayal of trust, is also true. But the public and the legislators of the country will do well to realize that it is unsafe to allow the control of the nursing profession to remain in the hands of medical men who have utilized their membership of the Nurses' Association and the patronage of Royalty for the advancement of their private practices. Men who will condescend to use the Nurses' Association as a means of self-advertisement, who will by their patronage command the votes of nurses who do not understand the questions involved, or in whom self-interest predominates over professional feeling, are not those who should be entrusted with the domination of nurses.

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P. (West Kent), at the Cannon Street Hotel Meeting, spoke words of strong common sense when he said "he would like to see established trained nurses taking care of these cases subject to, and not independent of, the supervision of proper medical officers. That was a scheme he would like to see adopted and it would remain for them to see how near to it they could get."

If the medical profession would support this proposition they would gain the support and respect of many interested in the treatment and nursing of the sick.

DISTRICT NURSING IN LIVERPOOL.

The record of the work of the Liverpool Queen Victoria District Nursing Association is always interesting, as Liverpool was a pioneer in this direction, the report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society last week being the 38th. Amongst other work in which the nurses have been engaged has been visiting Elementary Schools, and attending to the minor ailments, with which a large number of the children are afflicted. This branch of the work is no doubt most useful, if performed under medical supervision. It is hoped that the new central home for the nurses, at the Princes Road will be completed early in the summer. Mr. John Henderson in supporting the adoption of the report spoke of the need of a Superannuation Fund for nurses, and promised £500 to inaugurate such a fund.

A TUBERCULOSIS CONGRESS.

An International Congress on Tuberculosis is to be opened at Naples on the 14th of this

month, and there is every prospect of a large attendance. The papers promised certainly go to prove that the Congress will be of great interest. There is the question of Sanatoria for Tuberculous Infants by Professor Baginsky of Berlin, Tuberculosis and the Rontgen Rays by Professor Lortel of Lyons, Tuberculosis in the Russian Army by Professor Dubelir of Moscow, Predisposition to Tuberculosis by Professor De Giovanni of Padua, and the Prophylaxis of Tuberculosis on Railways by Professor Sanarelli of Bologna. It is expected that many representatives of foreign Governments, as well as of scientific and philanthropic associations will be present. Those who wish to take part in the Congress should make early application to Professor Alfredo Rubino, Ospedale Clinico, Napoli.

SCIENTIFIC HOUSEKEEPING.

The School of Housekeeping of Boston, Mass., is attempting to put domestic employment upon the basis of a trade. Those who are interested in the school believe that, in order to be efficient household employers and houseworkers, girls must be trained as for any other business. Accordingly they offer a five months' course for employees in which thorough instruction is given in every detail of housework, cooking, economy of foods, and personal hygiene. There is no charge made for the course, but the girls who take it do the work of the house—under direction. Each girl has experience in every kind of work, and when the course has been satisfactorily completed, the girls are placed in good positions at good wages.

But still more important than the training of the maid is the training of the mistress. The housekeepers' course comprises three months, and it is of such a character that it appeals to the young woman who has been graduated from high school or college. She learns about house sanitation, chemistry of foods, home economics, as well as cooking, marketing, household buying, etc. She learns, in fact, that dignity, ability, and judgment are required in the conduct of a home, and that to direct efficiently she must know not only what to expect of her employees and how to judge of their efficiency, but how to protect the health of her family, and how to apportion her income in order to achieve the best results. Because much is done for the modern woman, much will be expected of her.

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