

Progress of State Registration.

We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the following donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Petition:—From A Most Generous Supporter of the Nurses' Registration Cause, £3; Miss Hodgson, R.N.S., 2s. 6d.; Mrs. West, 1s.; and Miss Ellen Crook, 1s.

The response from Mental nurses in regard to the Nurses' Petition to the Prime Minister has been very gratifying. In many Asylums they have signed in large numbers.

An envelope with the Exeter post mark, found open, and officially sealed at Exeter, has been received by the Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, at 431, Oxford Street, W., containing two postal orders of one shilling each, but no letter, or clue to the sender. She will be glad if the sender will kindly communicate with her, in order that a receipt for the money may be sent.

The Bill, to which we recently referred, which has been introduced into the Legislative Council in New South Wales by the Hon. Dr. C. K. Mackellar, M.L.C., providing for the regulation and inspection of private hospitals also makes provision for the registration of trained nurses and midwives, imposes on nurses the duty of notifying any change of address, and empowers the Board of Health, as keeper of the Register, to remove the names of nurses from the Register on certain conditions. The Bill has been referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report. It appears very unlikely that it will be passed this session, and meanwhile, no doubt, the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, which is a powerful body of organised nurses, will take steps to see that the interests of trained nurses are safeguarded.

Plans for a campaign for state nurse registration will be brought before the next session of the Illinois legislature by the nurses of the State. The nurses, says the *National Hospital Record* are determined that in this case the proposed measure, which twice before has passed both houses of the State Legislature, only to be vetoed by the governor on account of technical defects, shall not fail for lack of due deliberation. The Bill is now in the hands of an attorney, who is examining its provisions carefully, and who will report to the Nurses' Association on its constitutionality and the probability of its passing.

The Paris Conference.

In reply to several letters asking for definite information concerning the interim International Nursing Conference, to be held in Paris, we learn from Miss Dock, the hon. secretary, that the third week in June will suit our American sisters, so that if possible the meeting will be held at that date.

Miss Dock is most anxious to make the Conference as useful to those interested in nursing in France as possible, so that many of the papers will be translated into French and several will be read in that language, although English is the language of the International Council. Interpreters will also be on the platform.

THE PROGRAMME.

THE PRACTICAL TRAINING OF NURSES.

The programme plans are still under consideration, and will be dealt with at an early date by the English Councillors. It is suggested that on the first day which is to be devoted to the Practical Training of Nurses, we shall hear from our French confrères of "The Nursing Staff of the Assistance Publique and the educational work of the latter," "The work and progress of the Schools of Nursing, at Bordeaux," and of the small schools in Paris. Miss Nutting of the Johns Hopkins will speak on "A Hospital Preparatory Course," an Irish Matron on "A Central School for Preparatory Course," and Miss Isla Stewart on "The Ward Training and the Part of a Matron in Training." This latter paper will be of paramount importance, as the place and powers of the Matron in the training school is really the crux of the question in nurse training, and it is the necessity for the trained Matron which should be brought home to our French and German fellow-workers, if they ever hope to emulate the British system—which they so greatly admire. Nursing progress in Germany and Holland and Italian efforts will be brought forward. "The Uniform Curriculum and Special Examination for Matrons in Australasia," "A Short Report of the Special Matrons' Course at Columbia University," and "Cuban Nurse Training under the University," will show how international Nursing has become.

The American Councillors would prefer to have the second day given up to Practical and Sociological questions, under the heading of

PUBLIC AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES, and to deal with "The Babe," "Germany and France's War on Infantile Death," "The Relation of Child Labour to Tuberculosis," "The Nurse

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