

Echoes of the Conference.

News comes from Paris that our dear Miss Dock is gradually convalescing, and we hope soon to hear that she has quite recovered from the illness which prevented her attending the social functions of the Conference. The truth is she is always working for others, with no thought of self, and it is quite time she had a good long rest. Where would our wonderful international organisation of nurses be without its Hon. Secretary? Not soaring away sky high—that is very sure.

Miss M. Breay, sub-editor of this Journal, is away on a well-deserved holiday, so now is the time to slip in a few words of appreciation of her manipulation of International finances. Women are born financiers—or rather economists—and we wonder what male organisers will think of the Conference balance sheet, when it is published? Four hundred nurses brought together from the ends of the earth, a three days' Conference, professional and social gatherings, a vast amount of printing and clerical labour, and all expenses paid for out of the franc entrance fee to the Conference Hall. There is real magic in that. We think it splendid, and feel sure many will wish Miss Breay to have the credit due to her for such sound finance. Later we must augment the funds in hand so that the Transactions may be printed in full, and for this purpose we shall be glad to hear from those who wish to purchase copies, price five shillings each.

Coming Events.

July 12.—Annual Meeting, Registered Nurses' Society, at the office, 431, Oxford Street, 4.30 p.m. Reception to meet Sister Agnes Karll, President German Nurses' Association, Miss Genevieve Cooke, Vice-President, Nurses' Associated Alumnae, U.S.A., and Miss Bella Crosby, President of the Central Registry of Nurses, Toronto, Canada, 5 p.m.

July 13.—New Wing and Wards on view, Boringbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W., 3 to 7 p.m.

July 17.—General Meeting of Members, Midwives' Defence Union, Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, 8 p.m.

July 18.—Woolwich Maternity Hospital, Annual Fête, Town Hall, Woolwich.

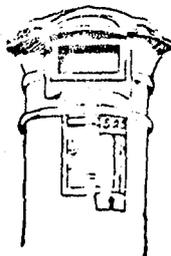
July 18 & 19.—Central Midwives' Board. Special Meeting to deal with Penal Cases, 2 p.m.

July 23.—Opening New Outpatients' Department, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, 3.30 p.m.

July 23.—Kent County Nursing Association, Public Meeting, Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square.

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.

REGISTRATION IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

MADAM,—Having noticed several references to the State Registration of Nurses in New Zealand in the pages of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, I should like to explain the working of the Act here.

The Act for the Registration of Nurses was passed in 1901, and until 1902, an easy avenue was left by which nurses who had not had the advantage of a systematic three years' training were allowed to enter. All nurses trained before this time were admitted on their Hospital certificates, without further examination, if they applied before the end of 1902; and for any absent from the colony, and therefore not having the opportunity of so applying, the time was extended to the end of 1904.

Since that time all nurses trained in New Zealand have been obliged to pass the State examination before registration, but nurses from Australia are admitted on their membership of the Nursing Association of their Colony, those from the Mother Country on a certificate of three years' training from any recognised training school.

I would like to point out that although nurses who are not registered by the State may work under a medical man without interference so long as they do not call themselves registered nurses, and as long as the public like to employ them, yet in all appointments to hospitals under control of Boards constituted under the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, preference is given to registered nurses.

Also under an Act lately passed for the control of Private Hospitals no license for a private hospital is granted to unregistered women, either nurses or midwives.

The Midwives' Act has not been so long in operation, but, to further the purpose of the Act, four training schools in maternity work have been established in the four chief towns in New Zealand, each under the charge of a nurse registered as a general nurse and as a midwife.

The term of training for a registered nurse is six months, for an unregistered woman twelve months; and the number of cases to be conducted and lectures to be attended are fully equal to the standard required by the Central Midwives' Board.

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