

Annotations.

NURSING EDUCATION IN PARIS.

The Municipal Council of Paris has been turning its attention to the question of nursing education, and once the bright brains of our neighbours on the other side the silver streak are concentrated on this problem it is likely that they will evolve a scheme which will bear comparison with any.

The Paris correspondent of the *Lancet* reports that "Among the improvements in hospital administration laid down in the plans which have been drawn up on such a large scale and approved by the Municipal Council is one for the foundation of a school where those who intend to become nurses will have a thorough training, both theoretical and practical, capable of fitting them in every respect for the career which they have chosen. The plans have just been submitted to the Municipal Council. The buildings will be erected on some vacant land belonging to the Salpêtrière and are designed for 150 students, who will be divided into two groups. On the ground floor the management and those in charge of each group will be accommodated. There will also be a lecture theatre, two refectories, recreation rooms, schoolrooms and a library. The students will be lodged upon the upper floors, and everyone will have a room to herself, of a fair size, well lighted, and supplied with a lavatory apparatus. The building will be so arranged that the officials in charge will be enabled to exercise constant supervision over the pupils. The total expenses will amount to about 1,000,000 francs."

This sounds very like a nursing college, the need for which is so greatly felt in this country. We congratulate the Municipal Council of Paris on dealing with the problem of nursing education in so thorough and liberal a manner. Their action affords proof of the benefit of placing the management of the hospitals in the hands of a central board, responsible to the community for its efficient conduct of public business.

THE APPOINTMENT OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The dangers of an impure milk supply have recently been exemplified at Woking, where a mysterious and serious epidemic of sore throat has been prevalent, and some of the cases have proved fatal.

At first the outbreak was supposed by the local practitioners to be one of diphtheria, but

the Medical Officer of Health for the Woking Urban Council, Dr. Pierce, disproved this assumption, and his investigations led him to suspect a contaminated milk supply, a suspicion confirmed by a visit from the authorities to the farm concerned.

It is interesting in connection with this subject to learn that a few months ago the Woking Council urged upon the Guildford and Chertsey Council the necessity of appointing a veterinary inspector. The former authority, however, decided to take no action, and the latter has not replied. The Local Government Board have now ordered Dr. Pierce to report fully on the Woking outbreak, and it seems probable that this Board will introduce regulations compelling all local bodies to make periodical examinations of milch cows.

IMMORAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Recently in New York, at a meeting of the Society of Medical Jurisprudence, Justice Mayer, of the Court of Special Sessions, read a paper on "Criminal Procedure against the Unlawful Practice of Medicine." He gave instances of the difficulties which the prosecution has in convicting illegal and criminal practitioners, chief among which is the practical impossibility of obtaining corroborative evidence against them. He made a strong plea for a strict censorship of advertisements on the part of the great daily papers. "The worst agency in New York to-day," he said, "that helps the man who sells either real or pretended abortion medicine is the newspapers, for they make it possible to snare the unwary, the superstitious, and the fearful. I suggest that in the new school of journalism in Columbia there be a chair of advertising, and let it be taught to the young men of the newspaper profession that the first duty of a great newspaper is to censor its medical advertising. If the decent newspapers will assist in the gradual uplifting of public opinion concerning the men and women who engage in these disreputable and criminal occupations, it will be only a matter of a short time until they are driven out of business."

Justice Mayer deserves the thanks of all civilised countries for his outspoken opinion. Despite the fact that one of our English judges spoke strongly on the abortion advertisements which appear in newspapers, some journals which consider themselves to be respectable still continue to insert the most degrading and disgusting announcements of abortionists and others.

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