

International News.

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN NURSES.

The American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools, and the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States will hold their Annual Convention in Washington during the first week in May. The occasion is of interest to nurses all over the world, because it has been decided upon to have Wednesday, May 3rd, a day for the American Federation of Nurses, and on that day both Societies will meet together. The question of international relationship will come up that occasion, and it is hoped to present a programme dealing with matters of vital interest to both Societies.

A rough outline of the programme for the week is here presented:—

SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Monday, May 1st.

1. Nurses' Homes.
2. Economy in Hospital Administration.
3. Scholarships, Loan Funds, Tuition, Fees.
4. The Introduction of Salaried Instruction in Training-Schools.

Tuesday, May 2nd.

1. The Present Status of Educational Methods.
2. The Introduction of District Nursing into the Training-School Curriculum.
3. Training-Schools and Hospitals for the Insane.
4. The Results of Establishing Preparatory Courses.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES.

Wednesday, May 3rd.

1. International Relationships.
2. The Effect of Registration upon Training-Schools.
3. The Affiliation of Schools for Educational Purposes.
4. Post-Graduate Study for Nurses.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNAE.

Thursday, May 4th.

DISTRICT AND VISITING NURSING.

1. School Nursing: Its Development and Possibilities.
2. Visiting Nurses and the Prevention of Tuberculosis.
3. New Developments:
 - (a) Contagious Nursing.
 - (b) The Inspection of Tenements.
4. The Congress at Portland.
5. The Relation of Nursing to Social and Philanthropic Effort.

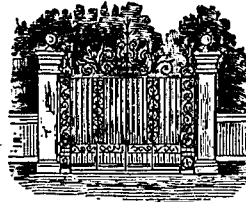
Friday, May 5th.

1. Club Houses, Hostelrys, and Directories for Nurses.
2. The Opportunity of the Nurse in Private Duty.
3. The Extension of Hourly Nursing.
4. Army Nursing.
5. The Logical Outcome of the Foundation of State Societies.
6. Examining Boards of Nurses and their Powers:
 - (a) Inspection of Training-Schools.
 - (b) Reciprocal Relations between States.
 - (c) Census, and Reports of Training-Schools.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales has presented a piano to the Children's Happy Evenings' Association, of which she is President, for use in one of its many branches. This is the third piano which Her Royal Highness has given to the Association, which provides evenings of organised play weekly to about 16,000 children attending the county schools in London.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



"Women's Life in Prison" was the subject of an address by Lady Battersea at the Women's Institute, Westminster, last week. Lady Battersea and Adeline Duchess of Bedford are the two lady visitors appointed by the Home Office to visit the women convicts.

In the course of her address, which applied chiefly to Aylesbury Prison, Lady Battersea stated that many of the younger women were undergoing sentence for child murder, and to listen to their piteous tales was like re-reading the story of "Adam Bede." Seven women out of every ten were in that prison through drink.

Mr. Claude Hay has introduced a Bill into the House of Commons "to make provision for the feeding of children in public elementary schools." This measure seeks to authorise local education authorities to provide meals for children attending any public elementary school within their areas. Such meals are to be provided "at a price which will involve no charge upon the fund or rate chargeable with the expenses of elementary education." The local education authority is to have power to apply such voluntary contributions as it may receive for the purpose towards the reduction of the price of the meals. Moreover, it may borrow money for making structural alterations in connection with the provision of meals or for providing kitchens or utensils. Further, it is provided that the Guardians, on being satisfied that any parent is unable through poverty to pay the price of the meals supplied to his child, may pay it for him, and a court of summary jurisdiction may order that if such parent's inability to pay "is temporary and arises from no fault of his own," he shall not by reason of such payment be deprived of the franchise. Such a measure is surely necessary when Sir John Gorst was able to read in the House on a recent occasion a letter from a lady in the North of England, in which the children of a certain mining district were described as unwashed, in rags, and half-starved, and it was stated that they were often kept from school to exercise the beautifully-groomed, warmly-clad, and well-fed dogs of their fathers. Dr. Macnamara also called attention to the statement of Miss Deverell, sub-inspector under the Board of Education, in her evidence before the Physical Deterioration Committee, to the effect that she knew one school where the master stated that the children got most of their meals by meeting workmen's trains and begging scraps from the men.

Mr. Henry Hobhouse, M.P., chairman of the Somerset County Council and Education Committee, speaking at Taunton recently, contrasted the education of girls in England in the old-fashioned days and now. Formerly parents, as a rule, were content with the "Three R's" and a certain number of accomplishments, such as playing the scales on the piano and the use of the globes. Now many people thought that women were as highly educated as men, and some considered that it was more important that

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