

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

Already applications are being received for the use of the Conference Hall, which holds about 100, for the discussion of topical questions of interest to nurses. In the United States the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union have a Department of Medical Temperance, of which Mrs. M. M. Allen, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is Superintendent. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. E. Smith Davis, Superintendent of the Department of Scientific Temperance and Education for the N.W.C.T.U., have been appointed delegates by the United States Government to the International Congress on Alcohol, which will be held in London during the same week as the Nurses' Congress, and Mrs. Allen would like to present an appeal to the nurses for their aid in educating the people in the poisonous effects of alcohol, and other narcotic drugs. Miss Dock advises that we accept the offer of Mrs. Allen to address our Congress, and a letter of acceptance has therefore been sent to her. This question, which is of such vital importance to the intemperate people of this country, will, we feel sure, draw an interested audience to listen to Mrs. Allen's address.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION.

Miss Agnes Snively, the President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, will be supported, as official delegates, by Miss Brent, Lady Superintendent of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto; Miss Alice J. Scott, Superintendent of the Training School, Grace Hospital, Toronto; Miss E. Baikie, President, Canadian Nurses' Association of Montreal, and we hope Miss Molony, of Jeffrey Hales' Hospital, Quebec.

The following nurses will attend as fraternal delegates, as members of the Canadian Nurses' Association of Montreal: Miss Colley, Miss Hill, Miss McGregor, Miss Colquhoun, Miss Des Brisay, Miss Fisk, and many others hope to come over for the Affiliation Ceremony on July 19th.

The delegates of the American Federation of Nurses will be appointed on June 9th, when it holds its annual meeting at Minneapolis, U.S.A.

Meanwhile we are glad to know that Mrs. E. Hunt Ludlow, of New York, the President of the Spanish-American War Nurses, has appointed Mrs. H. D. Stone, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, N.Y., to represent that patriotic band of American nurses as a fraternal delegate at the Congress.

Progress of State Registration.

A CONFERENCE OF REGISTRATIONISTS.

In the opinion of Lord Ampthill, Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson, M.P., Sir William Macewen, and other friends of Registration of Nurses, it will be well as soon as possible after the recess to hold a Conference of representatives of Societies promoting and supporting Bills for the State Registration of Nurses. This matter will be brought before the Annual Meeting of the Society for State Registration on Saturday, 29th inst. Statesmen consider that there should be one Bill to which all who are in favour of organising professional nursing by a Statutory Registration Council can give their combined support.

Another question of importance will also be brought before the meeting, which is of vital importance to the nurses of the United Kingdom—the question of reciprocity between the nurses resident in various parts of the United Kingdom. In our opinion there can only be reciprocity of professional advantages if there is uniformity of professional education and examination. In Scotland "The Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland" makes the unjust demand in the Bill it has promoted that without any guaranteed standard of professional efficiency Scottish nurses shall rank as "registered nurses" all over the United Kingdom. This demand has been upheld by the Scottish Branch of the British Medical Association, of which Dr. Macintosh, of Glasgow, the prime promoter of the Scottish Bill, is chairman.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the British Medical Association, at which Dr. Macintosh was present, it "expressed approval of the principle of separate Registration for Scotland, provided that there was reciprocity of Registration between the various parts of the United Kingdom."

This question is down for consideration at the Annual Representative Meeting—the Governing Body of the B.M.A.—to take place at Belfast on Friday, July 23rd next, and it is to be hoped that it will be made quite clear that reciprocity of work for nurses in the United Kingdom can only be possible by the adoption of the single portal to the Nurses' Register, through equal professional standards of training and examination. We presume this will continue to be in the future, as it has been in the past, the basic principle of the support given to State Registration of Nurses by the British Medical Association.

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