

## THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

On Tuesday, April 23rd, the Fifth Annual Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition will be opened at noon in the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, and will remain open until Friday, the 26th inst.

The Exhibition will this year include new features, as, in addition to the trade exhibits, various sections have been organized by trained nurses and others.

Nursing Handicraft will be found at Stand 10B, just opposite Stand 11B, where THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which has organized that section, is placed. The three Prizes will be awarded, the £7 7s., £4 4s., and £2 2s. for complete sections, and the £1 1s. consolation prizes for part sections. Amongst those who are competing are: (1) Maternity, Miss M. O. Haydon, General Lying-In Hospital. (2) The Head, Miss Macfarlane, Matron, Royal Ear Hospital, and the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League. (3) The Abdomen, the Digestive Tract, Miss Rundle, Miss Cooper, and Miss H. M. Miller, Royal Free Hospital. (4) The Abdomen, Kidneys, and Bladder, Miss Furley, Matron, St. Peter's Hospital for Stone. (5) Gynaecological Nursing, Miss Riddell, Matron, Chelsea Hospital for Women. (6) Splints, Nurses from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Miss Robertson, Matron, Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital and College, Alton; and (7) Bandages, Mrs. Lakin, of St. Bartholomew's and the London Hospitals. Miss Mary Harvey, R.N.S., and several others have entered single articles of nursing handicraft.

Other special departments of the Exhibition include The Modern Nurse: Her Life and Work; Nursing Inventions and Ideas; The Health Work of Voluntary Societies; A Radium Room; Scientific Kinematograph Displays, showing Nursing in the London Hospitals; A Model Day and Night Nursery; A Model School Clinic; and Model Sanitary Arrangements. There will also be a Midwifery Section, arranged by *Nursing Notes* and the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*.

### THE NURSING CONFERENCE.

For the first time the Conference will include separate sessions on Nursing and on Midwifery, in both of which Papers of interest will be read and discussed. The following are amongst the questions which will arouse the most interest: On the 23rd, "How to Work up a Connection," by Miss E. M. Waind, Lady

Superintendent of Galen House Nurses' Co-operation, Guildford; "New Methods of Medical and Surgical Nursing," by Miss M. M. Park, Guy's Hospital; "Nursing as a University Subject," by Miss Rundle (Isla Stewart Scholar), Royal Free Hospital. On the 24th, "Branches of the Nursing Profession," by Miss C. Crowther, Q.V.J.I.; and "Nursing Ethics," by Miss E. M. Fox, Matron, Prince of Wales' Hospital.

On the 25th, "The Work of a Maternity Association and Mother Craft Club," by Miss Morgan; "On Preparing and Reading Lectures," by Miss du Sautoy; "Schools for Mothers," by Miss L. Odell Carter; and "Co-operation of Charities," by Miss Marsters, Q.V.J.I. On the last day of the Conference, the 26th inst., "Mental Nursing," by Miss Head, Matron, St. Luke's Hospital; "Eugenics" and "Psychology" are questions of absorbing interest, and in the last session Miss M. O. Haydon will tackle "Woman Suffrage" and Miss B. Kent "State Registration of Nurses," both burning questions which could well have been given places of precedence and time in which to do them some justice if they are to be discussed with any beneficial result, as both are fundamental to the well-being of Nursing, if it is ever to aspire to become a recognised well-disciplined profession, worthy of the life's work of the highest type of women.

Suffrage and Registration will, no doubt, as they always do, crop up constantly throughout the Conference, as they are both based on the principle of the free exercise of conscience in our spiritual, corporate, and professional life—and life to women nurses is merely a miserable makeshift without such State recognition.

### THE MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE.

In the sessions on Midwifery the following questions will be debated, and will no doubt attract the public as well as the profession:—

Some of the directions in which the Training of Midwives in the Methods of Infant Feeding may be improved.

The need of Co-operation between Health Authorities and Midwives on the question of Infantile Mortality.

Infant Feeding.

Midwives and the National Insurance Act.

Midwives and Prevention of Disease.

How to Start Midwifery Associations.

Those wishing to attend from the country should write at once, if they have not already done so, to Mr. Ernest Schofield, 22-24, Great Portland Street, London, W., for cheap railway and season ticket, enclosing 3d. in stamps.

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