

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE.

The Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition and Conference will be opened at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W., at noon, on Tuesday, April 22nd, and close on the evening of Friday, April 25th. The Exhibition is frankly on a business basis, and affords a means whereby the latest nursing appliances, literature, and anything of interest to nurses can be collected and introduced to their notice conveniently, and systematically, by leading firms.

The Conference is best described as a "side-draw," organised for press purposes by enterprising journalists, and secretaries of associations, with other assistance; as such it may achieve its object as a Conference of a popular character but it cannot be regarded as being of serious professional import until the organization is in professional hands. It will consist of two sections (1) Nursing, (2) Midwifery, and one of these sections will be in session from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; 5 to 6.30 p.m., and 8 to 10 p.m., on each of the four days. The number of papers announced for each session points to the fact that little discussion is expected, otherwise the programme could not possibly be got through. As the full official programme will be on sale by the management in the Catalogue of the Exhibition we shall only refer to its principal features.

THE NURSING CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday, April 22nd, the papers presented at the afternoon session will deal principally with Tuberculosis, including the tuberculin treatment of consumption, vaccine treatment, and the work of a tuberculosis nurse. The last paper will deal with the personality of the nurse.

The evening session will consider in the period of two hours, catering in hospitals, nurses' off duty, a proposal for the registration of hospital certificates, really the proposal made in the anti-registration Bill of the Central Hospital Council for London introduced into the House of Lords in 1908, when the futility and danger of such a scheme was proved and the Bill decisively rejected. We notice that the subject of State Registration has been shied on to the programme at the last moment.

On Wednesday, April 23rd, Poor Law Nursing in various phases will be discussed. The paper by Miss A. C. Gibson, late Matron of the Birmingham Infirmary, dealing with some of the defects in poor law nursing arrangements, and some suggested remedies, should prove of practical interest, as Miss Gibson has had wide experience of poor law nursing. Massage, including ionic medication, and radium treatment, will also be considered.

On Thursday, April 24th, Social Work is the predominant topic. Mr. J. S. Pollitt will voice his scheme for the need of a National Association of Nurses, Miss C. J. Wood will give some business

hints, and Miss Rosa Leo will explain to her audience how to speak in public.

On Friday, April 25th, Finance will be the order of the day, and under this heading Mr. D. F. Pennant and Miss Mona Wilson, one of the National Insurance Commissioners, will speak on the Insurance Act as it affects nurses. Nurses who unlike other classes of women workers, have no direct representation on the English Advisory Committee, will be able to avail themselves of this opportunity to ask questions on many points on which they are still in doubt.

On the evening of the last day of the Conference Naval and Military Nursing, Territorial Nursing, and Nursing in India, Australia, Africa and Canada, and Nursing as a Missionary will be discussed, and information as to cheap holidays will end the Session. We should say they will be needed if the whole of the foregoing programme is to be digested.

THE MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday, April 22nd, from 5 to 6.30, Miss Rosalind Paget will preside over a Session including the discussion of (1) Midwives and the Maternity Benefit (by Miss Alice Gregory, and Miss Mona Wilson), (2) the pay of midwives, and (3) their inspection.

On the evening of Wednesday, April 23rd, Infant Feeding in Midwifery Practice, the Midwife Teacher, and the Midwife as Supervisor and Coach will be discussed.

On Thursday, April 24th, Ophthalmia Neonatorum with Epidiascopic Illustrations, and Venereal Disease will occupy the session.

On Friday, April 25th, from 2 to 4.30, three subjects will be considered, *i.e.*, the Law Relating to the Qualifications, Rights and Duties of the Midwife, a Plea for Longer Training, and Preliminary Training Schools for Midwives.

THE EXHIBITION.

STANDS NOT TO BE MISSED.

It is impossible to refer to all the stands to be seen in the Exhibition, but we desire to direct attention to those which should on no account be missed.

Stands 3a and 4a, MESSRS. A. WULFING & Co.—The preparations of this firm, more especially Albulactin, are well known to nurses, and its value in connection with the feeding of infants, thoroughly recognised.

Stand 7a, NESTLÉ & ANGLO-SWISS CONDENSED MILK Co.—Nurses visiting the Exhibition are advised to ask for Nestlé's Baby Book and to acquaint themselves with the various specialities of the firm.

Stand 16a, THE SURGICAL MANUFACTURING Co.—Here will be shown operation requisites, new model bags for district and maternity nurses and many other things of interest to them, including surgical and obstetric binders.

Stands 17a and 22a, MESSRS. LEWIS AND BURROWS, LTD.—This firm, whose stand is always most attractive, are making a display of their

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