

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED DISPENSING FOR TRAINED NURSES.

The Annual Meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses will be held in London in November, when it is proposed to spend a day in Consultation. There are so many arrangements to consider. 1. For the next Annual Conference. 2. For the meeting of the International Council and Congress meetings in San Francisco in 1915. 3. Nursing Questions such as the Nursing of the Insured Sick, which as a National Question, is one on which the Nursing Profession has a right to express an opinion, as much of the practical work will fall to its share. The Hon. Secretary will be obliged to the Hon. Secretaries of the affiliated Associations and Leagues, if they will notify her of any change of names or addresses of delegates who represent their societies on the Grand Council.

We learn that "the Nursing World in Dublin (unlike industrial sections) is very quiet indeed. Nothing has happened since the Conference, and the great interest it aroused has taken the form of the question 'Where is the next one to be?' It is a good omen, and portends that a widespread and personal interest will be taken in the future Conferences of the National Council of Trained Nurses. Our Conference not only paid its way, but a small balance remained."

THE ASSOCIATION OF APPROVED SOCIETIES.

NURSING OF INSURED PERSONS.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Association—the Chairman, Mr. Charles Bathurst, M.P., presiding—the Secretary, Mr. Alban Gordon, reported that he had been approached by Nursing Associations and others with a view to a Conference on the Nursing of Insured Persons being held, and it was agreed to summon such a Conference to take place in London in the last week in November.

All persons interested are invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary of the Association at 82, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

This Association has already spent much time in enquiring into the question of nursing insured persons, and has drafted a Report on the subject, which can be obtained in pamphlet form from the Hon. Secretary at the above address.

When alluding to dispensing we do not only refer to the mixing of physic in a chemist's shop, but, the dispensing of medicine either for a private doctor in his surgery or for an institution—be it a hospital, a public dispensary or some such place where the work is approached solely from the professional side.

The training for this work is carried on most efficiently by "The Westminster Classes" conducted by Mr. H. J. Carson. The success of graduates of these classes is most gratifying, and many more nurses might with advantage add dispensing to their other qualifications. One trained nurse who only qualified last April has already secured an appointment with a salary of £100 a year, and when good posts are going, they usually fall to those who are both nurses and dispensers. Again for Medical Mission work, a woman who can both nurse and dispense is invaluable, and former students of the classes are to be found in India—China—Korea—South Africa—Australia and New Zealand.

The cost of this dispensing training is not beyond the means of those who are in earnest, and the hours of the classes are so arranged that there is sufficient time available to carry on some other distinctly remunerative work, while working for the dispensing Certificate.

The many Consumptive Dispensaries, that are multiplying so rapidly, all need trained nurses and if possible with a dispensing qualification. In these posts the salaries are good and the work is varied and interesting. The Secretary of "The Westminster Classes" will on application send all particulars and Mr. Carson can be seen personally any Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 or on Saturday morning from 11 to 1. The address is "The Westminster Classes," Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.

HOUSING AND MORALITY.

At the Scottish Sanitary Congress last week it was stated that there were 21,000 ticketed houses in Glasgow, the dwellers in which were living in helpless poverty, and were degenerating spiritually, morally, and physically.

This no doubt accounts for the terrible crimes against morality, especially where little girls are concerned, reported in the Glasgow police courts. Wife beating, and other ferocious treatment of women, is common.

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