

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council, to be held in London on November 27th, at 11, Chandos Street, W., promises to be a very interesting and strenuous day. It is therefore with great pleasure we make known the kind invitation of Mrs. Walter Spencer, who offers to entertain 40 of the members, who are able to accept her hospitality, at luncheon, at 2, Portland Place, W., at the close of the morning session. Those intending to attend the meetings will facilitate arrangements if they will notify their acceptance of Mrs. Spencer's invitation to the Hon. Secretary as early as convenient. Members of the affiliated Societies as follows have a right to attend:—

The Matrons' Council, the Society for State Registration, the Registered Nurses' Society, the Irish Nurses' Association, and the Leagues of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Leicester Royal Infirmary, General Hospital, Birmingham, Royal South Hants Hospital, Chelsea Infirmary, Kingston Infirmary, C.L.S.A. Cleveland Street, C.L.S.A. Hendon, St. John's House, School Nurses, Victoria and Bournemouth, and Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin. It is to be hoped that all the Societies will be represented and take part in the proceedings.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

An invitation which will be offered, we have no doubt will be received with much pleasure, from the President and Nurses' League of the General Hospital, Birmingham, to hold the next Annual Conference and Nursing Exhibition of the Council at Birmingham in 1914. No place could be more central or convenient for the purpose, and Birmingham is noted for the interest it takes in all questions of social evolution, in which skilled nursing plays such an important part.

THE ISLA STEWART ORATION.

Miss Musson, Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, who worked for so many years at St. Bartholomew's Hospital with the late Miss Isla Stewart, will preside at the Oration, and a few rows of front seats will be reserved for members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

NURSES' INVENTIONS AND LITERATURE.

A table will be arranged on which will be displayed any useful Inventions by trained nurses who would like to bring them to the

notice of their colleagues; and Pamphlets useful to nurses will be on sale.

All communications should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, N.C.T.N., 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

THE PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

The Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association have adopted a scheme for the State Registration of Nurses, and recently a deputation from the Association, introduced by Dr. A. Anderson, waited on the Minister for Health (Mr. Hagelthorn), asking that a Bill for registration be introduced into Parliament.

Dr. J. W. Springthorpe said that they only desired efficiency. The two Bills—the Midwifery and the Trained Nurses Bills—should be amalgamated, for the proper registration of nurses, so that only those properly trained could work in the profession. The deputation wished to lay the case before him, and would be willing to come again, when he (the Minister) had been able to give it full consideration. He hoped that a Bill would be passed, for which the whole State would be thankful.

Mr. Hagelthorn, in reply, said that the proposal deserved every consideration. There was no objection to registration, but it must not be forgotten that there were poor people who could not pay large amounts, and also there were unregistered women, who were able to do good work in attending patients. It might not be possible to pass a comprehensive Bill in this Parliament, but every consideration would be given to the matter.

The draft Bill provides that no person whose name is not on the Register of General Nurses, shall after a specified time, for gain, attend or undertake to attend any sick person, under a penalty—and no person whose name is not on the Register of Midwives shall after a specified time, for gain, attend or undertake to attend any lying-in woman, under penalty. It is these penalising clauses to which no doubt the Minister of Health alluded.

The Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing reports an inspiring paper read by Miss Anna Jammé before the State Nurses Convention at Santa Barbara, on the "Meaning of Nurses Registration Law to the State," dealing with the new Act just brought into force in California, which ends with the sporting paragraph, "And now, Madame President, may we not adopt

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