

CONFERENCE AND NURSING EXHIBITION AT BIRMINGHAM.

Arrangements both for the Conference and Nursing Exhibition, to be held in Birmingham in the New Central Hall, from June 9th to 12th, are well forward, and we hope to issue the Programme in detail next week. The Exhibition will be opened by the Lady Mayoress of Birmingham on Tuesday, June 9th, at 3 p.m., and on the following morning, at the opening of the Conference, the Lord Mayor will welcome the National Council of Trained Nurses to Birmingham.

Miss Musson, the President of the Conference, will give the Address of Welcome.

ARRANGEMENTS.

First of all return tickets to Birmingham will be issued at a single fare and a third, on presentation of a voucher signed by the Hon. Secretary. All those attending the Conference who desire to accept hospitality, or to have arrangements made for them are asked to write to Mrs. Boeddicker, 97, Bradford Street, Birmingham.

The following hotels and lodgings are recommended:—

The Grand Hotel, Colmore Row. Special terms for Conference visitors. Bed and breakfast, 7s. and 8s.

The Queen's Hotel (L. & N. W. R.). Bed and breakfast, 6s.

The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street.

The Cobden (Temperance) Hotel, Corporation Street. Bed and breakfast, from 2s. 6d.

Grosvenor House (private hotel), 55, Hagley Road, Edgbaston. Bed and breakfast, 5s. or 6s.

Lodgings recommended:—

Mrs. Brown, 5, Endwood Court Road, Handsworth.

Mrs. D'Aken, 15, Clarendon Road, Edgbaston.

Mrs. Harris, Wharf Cottage, Bridge Street. Sitting-room and bedroom, 15s. a week, with attendance and cooking.

The Misses Barron, 37, Oliver Road, Edgbaston. Same price.

We hope there will be spirited competition for the following prizes:—

PRIZES.

Prizes to be awarded at Birmingham by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING:

First prize, £3 3s., for the most instructive exhibit sent by a League of Nurses.

Second prize, £2 2s., for the most useful invention by a nurse for the comfort of the sick.

Third prize, £1 1s., for the best group of three dolls dressed in any uniform, not to exceed 10 inches in height; workmanship and neatness will be tests of excellence.

A Prize of £2 is offered by Miss Musson for the best exhibit of six splints padded by Nurses, to

include Thomas' hip splint, tenotomy splint, angular splint, and a Macintyre.

A Prize of £1 will be given by Miss Musson for the best set of six water-colour paintings of rashes or skin eruptions. It is hoped Fever Nurses will compete for this prize.

A Prize of £1 is offered by Miss Waind, Galen House, Guildford, for the best "make-shift" in nursing.

Communications concerning entries for Prizes must be addressed to Miss Lloyd, General Hospital, Birmingham.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Thursday, May 7th, at 4.30 p.m. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (President) was in the chair.

REPORT.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary presented a report, which was adopted.

It was agreed to invite, through the Council, the support of the Society for the forthcoming Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held in Birmingham from June 9th to 12th, convened by the National Council of Trained Nurses, and organised by the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League, and also for the Reunion and Dance to be given under the authority of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses on June 26th, in London, to both of which bodies the Society is affiliated.

It was reported that, although resolutions had been passed in support of State Registration by trained nurses in conference at Dublin, Glasgow and London, within the past twelve months, and the Nurses' Registration Bill had passed its first reading on March 3rd by a majority of 228, an anti-registration Protest was being sent out for signature from the London Hospital, with a covering letter from Lord Knutsford, in opposition to the considered demand of the organised nurses in each section of the Kingdom, supported by the British Medical Association. The Protest suggests no alternative method of dealing with existent evils, and makes a special appeal to those supporting the evils of insufficiently-trained nurses for the sick poor, and those professing to train nurses in institutions where efficient facilities for training are non-existent.

It was reported that registration laws had been passed in the States of Kentucky and Mississippi, U.S.A., bringing the number of States in which such laws are now in force up to forty, the whole of which beneficent legislation had been effected in thirteen years.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence included letters from Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, conveying thanks for

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