

prospect of a thorough investigation of their condition—some doctors, knowing this, do not care to risk offending their patients by suggesting it. But surely no doctor worthy the name can afford to risk his reputation or his peace of mind by overlooking a case of early cancer, and I am confident that, if the importance of careful investigation is properly explained, no patient worth retaining would refuse it.

And yet we not infrequently see patients suffering from advanced cancer of the uterus or rectum, who for one reason or another have never been examined at all.

These are some of the early symptoms of cancer. No good purpose would be served by describing the last stages. Those of you who are familiar with them will not wish to be reminded of them; those of you still ignorant are happier so.

In conclusion, let me again remind you that the only successful treatment of cancer at present known is a complete surgical operation carried out in the early stages of the disease, and that, failing surgical intervention, the mortality of cancer is the same as that of Death itself.

In its early recognition and its prompt removal lies our only chance of diminishing its death-roll, and if by what I have said to-night I have persuaded any of you to do your utmost to assist with early recognition, I shall count it to my credit.

THE BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE.

All information concerning the Nursing Conference and Exhibition can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of Conference, General Hospital, Birmingham.

Railway tickets will be issued to those attending the Conference at a cost of a single fare and a quarter for the return journey, for which Vouchers must be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

The Exhibition will be opened at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9th, so that delegates will have time to inspect the exhibits carefully before the opening of the Conference on the following morning, June 10th. Free tickets can be obtained for the Exhibition, and all nurses in the surrounding district should make a point of visiting it, and seeing all there is to be seen.

Conference tickets cost 3s.; and it is open to the public and to all nurses, whether they are members of the Council or not. The Dinner tickets on Thursday evening at the Grand Hotel are 7s. 6d.; and for the whole-day motor tour to Warwick, Kenilworth, and Stratford-on-Avon, including Lunch and Tea, 12s. 6d.

It will greatly assist the Conference Com-

mittee if those who hope to attend the Conference will apply for membership tickets at once, and state which entertainments they wish to attend, so that the approximate numbers may be ascertained. Tickets for social functions will be sent by post if paid for, or they will be reserved, and should be claimed not later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11th, at the Conference Secretary's office in the Central Hall.

Members of the Conference are invited to the Reception at the Botanical Gardens on the 9th, to the Reception at the Council House and to the Picture Show on the 10th, to tea at the General Hospital and at Charford Mills on the 11th, to tea at the Worcester General Infirmary and at Bournville on the 12th. The price of tickets for the Conference, the Dinner, by rail to Worcester, and for the Motor Trip, as above.

By the kind invitation of the Directors of Messrs. Southall Bros. & Barclay, members of the Conference are invited to visit the Picture House, on the evening of June 10th, when special films will be shown.

Messrs. Southall Bros. & Barclay have also invited a party to visit Charford Mills, on the afternoon of Thursday, 11th, and have arranged to convey them to and fro, and entertain them at tea. The processes to be seen are extremely interesting, for at the Charford Mills the raw cotton is cleaned, carded, woven, and converted into cotton wool, gauze, bandages, etc. It is most instructive to see how the dressings are made, which are used every day in the wards, and we have no doubt many nurses will thoroughly appreciate the kindness and hospitality of this world-famed firm, in arranging for so convenient and pleasant a visit.

PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

The following resolution appears on the Agenda for the Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association at Aberdeen in July.

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

Motion.—That the following Recommendation A. of Council be adopted (paragraph 89 of Annual Report of Council, Supplement, May 2nd, 1914, page 280):—

“That the Representative Body re-affirm its opinion that the State Registration of Nurses is desirable.”

INSUFFICIENTLY TRAINED NURSES.

Rider by Trowbridge:—

“That this meeting views with concern the increasing number of insufficiently trained nurses, and calls upon the Government, and the other authorities concerned, to take steps, to remedy this evil.”

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