

### DOCTORS URGED TO RESIST NOTIFICATION.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Medical Defence Union, 4, Trafalgar Square, W.C. 2, to discuss the notification and prevention of specific diseases, resolutions were passed suggesting that resistance to notification should be urged on the medical profession as being a breach of confidence between patient and doctor, and on the ground that notification would lead to concealment of disease, and that the profession be encouraged to recommend to patients the adoption of the very simple and easily carried out measures of prophylaxis, which have been proved to be effective in the Army and Navy.

### WARNED AGAINST MARRIAGE.

The most explicit information should be available for young persons of both sexes concerning venereal disease, and no prudery and false modesty should stand in the way of instruction. Australia is giving a lead in this matter, and increased powers over sufferers are sought by the Minister of Health in Victoria in the Bill to amend the Venereal Diseases Act. Under the Act only State-aided hospitals may be used for the treatment of persons, but experience has shown the necessity to use other places, and amendments to permit of this are included in the Bill.

The amending legislation does not go as far as that in other States in connection with the proposed marriage of a sufferer. In other places marriage is prohibited, but under Victoria's Bill power will be given a doctor to inform a medical inspector of the intention of any patient to contract marriage, should the condition of such patient be such as to warrant his being "warned" against marriage. The medical inspector may then inform the other party to the proposed marriage or the parents or guardian of the party.

This is right, and will save many tragedies.

### PASTEUR FLU CURE VACCINE.

Several of the Parisian newspapers announce that at a new vaccine, which has been prepared by the Institut Pasteur for use against influenza complications, has been experimented with on a large scale at Besancon, and has been found a great success, not only for preventive but also for curative purposes.

Doctors will confer at the British Medical Council Conference in April on the connection between the past and present prevalence of influenza.

### TELEPATHY.

#### THE SUB-CONSCIOUS MIND. DISCARNATE SPIRITS.

In connection with the incident which you republish from the *Sunday Express* it may be of interest to some of your readers to recount one which I had at first hand from a great friend of my own, a Member of the Association and the Matron of a Children's Hospital in London. Incidentally, as the Celtic temperament is believed to be more truly psychic than that of any other of the more highly civilized races, I may say that she comes of a race of Highlanders in one of the most northerly districts of Scotland, and is one of the most practical people I know, with no leanings whatever towards spiritualism. Her Hospital is apparently an absorbing interest to her, and every child in it appears to have a place of its own in her affections. She related to me the following incident, not as anything new and strange, but simply among other events in connection with the death of one of the children to whom she had been particularly attached. To this partially paralysed little girl she had given some little silver slave bangles, which had been a source of special delight to the child.

While the Matron was away on one occasion she had news that the child had grown suddenly worse, and she at once returned to the Hospital. When she arrived the little one struggled in the most pathetic manner to convey to her some information, but the attempt to say even the word "Matron" failed; then a pencil was put into the small white fingers, but they too refused their task, and all efforts on the part of "Matron" to understand what the child could wish to say to her failed. The sadness of the whole scene and the strained look on the little dead face were too much for my friend, and she decided to spend the night at a house where her uncle was staying. In the morning when she came down to breakfast she said to him: "Maggie came to me last night; she had given her bangles to Mrs. P. J. [naming a lady who was in the habit of coming in to teach the children], and she wishes me to get them and put them on her. I must go up to the Hospital after breakfast and see to it." No efforts to convince her that she had really only been dreaming were of any use, and on reaching the Hospital she said to the housekeeper, whom she met in the hall, "Send Sister to me; Maggie has been to me, and she wishes me to get her bangles from Mrs. J." The housekeeper promptly went to the Sister with the informa-

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