

respects just as the child of the married mother does?

Miss Bower: Most decidedly, especially as we find a very large percentage of cases of rickets among illegitimate children.

Miss Elliott: I think if we had a better system in connection with ante-natal work there would be much less illegitimacy. In a far larger percentage of cases marriage between the mother and father could be brought about, and also the education which could be given would tend towards keeping the girls from many pitfalls.

COMPULSORY NOTIFICATION.

Miss Macdonald: Then would you advocate compulsory notification of pregnancy?

Miss Elliott: By no means. I am confident that would not meet the case. What we want, and what this Association might discuss at a later date, is some scheme whereby we might get more closely into touch with mothers during the pre-natal stage.

Miss Holmes: I am quite sure that compulsory notification would be a mistake. It would entirely take away the privacy of home-life for the poor mother.

Miss Staples: I agree. I am sure it would be wrong to have compulsory notification, and also I strongly agree with Miss Elliott as to what she has said about the need for giving our girls sound education in domestic matters. It is not given in the homes and, unless we can ensure that it will be in the future, more should be done by the education authorities.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES ON WATCHING COUNCIL.

Miss Pursey: It is perhaps hardly relevant but I should like to take this opportunity to urge that this Association should take steps to obtain representation on the Ministry of Health Watching Council. I believe that several bodies concerned with public health work are represented on that, but I do not think that one of those is composed only of Trained Nurses, and I do feel that we fully qualified nurses engaged in public health work ought to have someone there.

Miss Wise: That is a matter which I intend to bring before the next meeting of the Committee. I think we are all agreed about what Miss Bower and Miss Elliott have said as to the need for uniformity in teaching. I know the great difficulties which arise through mothers being transferred to new Centres. We should aim at uniformity of teaching, and at having Centres to serve small areas. I agree with what the speakers have said in connection with compulsory notification of pregnancy. It would lead to prying, and might lead more than ever to people trying to do away with pregnancy. We are all very greatly indebted to Miss Bower for her excellent Paper, and, on your behalf, I thank her very much.

We are in sympathy with the conclusions of this Conference, especially with unification of

teaching at Welfare Centres, that girls of every class should be taught domestic work and science, and something of mothercraft, and that the mother of the illegitimate child should have the advantage of instruction, not only for her own sake, but for that of her innocent offspring.

We also agree with the opinion of those who took part in the Conference that compulsory notification of pregnancy would be inquisitorial and dangerous, and any class legislation on this subject would be determinedly resisted by the poor.

The Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health should certainly seek representation on the Ministry of Health Watching Council.

A large number of Trained Nurses' Organisations are already represented on it.

APPOINTMENTS.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Metropolitan Nursing Association, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.—Miss Mercy Wilmshurst has been appointed Superintendent. She was trained at St. George's-in-the-East Infirmary and has worked as a Queen's Nurse at Southborough, and as Assistant Superintendent of the Brighton District Nursing Association. She holds a Health Visitors' certificate, and is a certified midwife.

Infant Welfare Centre, St. George's-in-the-East, Wapping.—Miss G. Carrick has been appointed Superintendent. She was trained at the London Hospital and has held the position of Sister at home and abroad. She has also been Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, and had experience of factory nursing. She is a certified midwife.

MATRON.

Blencathra Sanatorium, Thelkeld, Cumberland.—Miss Florence Keene has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, and has been Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, Matron of the Penistone Isolation Hospital, and of the Winsley Sanatorium, near Bath.

SISTER.

Hackney Union Infirmary, Homerton, E.—Miss Mary Irving has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Selly Oak Infirmary, Birmingham, and has been Staff Nurse at the Lincoln City Hospital, and Sister at the Keighley Infirmary, the Bradford Infirmary, and the Pensioners' Hospital, Birmingham.

Miss Ruth Clara Dane, trained at the Hackney Union Infirmary, has also been appointed Sister in the same Institution. She has, since completing her training, had experience in private nursing, and war nursing.

Sherburn Hospital, near Durham.—Miss Elizabeth Nelson has been appointed Sister of the men's ward. She was trained at Heald's Road Infirmary, Dewsbury, and has nursed at home and abroad under the Joint War Committee. She has also had experience of private nursing.

Cornelia Hospital, Poole.—Miss B. L. Lever has been appointed Out-patient Sister. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Boscombe.

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