

ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES IN PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

A lecture on Clinics and Day Nurseries for the Middle Classes, will be given by Mrs. Paul, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, 27th inst, at 10, Orchard Street, W.1. Tickets, tea inclusive, one shilling.

FACULTY OF INSURANCE.

NATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE.

The Faculty of Insurance has issued the Agenda of its National Health Conference of Insurance Organisations and Social Workers, to be held on Friday, March 26th, at the Central Hall, Westminster.

The Presidential Address will be given by Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., at 10.45 a.m.

Lord Dawson of Penn, will speak on "The Service of Medicine to the Community."

Lieut. Col. Nathan Raw, C.M.G., M.D., M.P., has "Tuberculosis, a National Problem," for his subject, and after the luncheon interval, at 2.30 Captain Walter E. Elliot, M.P., will speak on "The Tragedy of Human Dumps" (Medical Research in Relation to Waste of Lives).

All these speakers will say something worth hearing.

NOW IS THE TIME.

When I have time, so many things I'll do
To make life happier and more fair
For those whose lives are crowded now with care ;
I'll help to lift them from their low despair,
When I have time.

Now is the time ! Ah, friend, no longer wait
To scatter loving smiles and words of cheer
To those around whose lives are now so drear ;
They may not meet you in the coming year—
Now is the time. ANONYMOUS.

COMING EVENTS.

March 26th.—National Health Conference, Westminster. 10.45 and 2.30 p.m. Chair, Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P.

March 27th.—The Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work : Lecture on "Clinics and Day Nurseries for the Middle Classes," by Mrs. Paul. 10, Orchard Street, W.1. 3.30 p.m. Tickets (tea inclusive), one shilling.

May 4th.—Central Midwives Board Examinations, London, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, and Newcastle-on-Tyne. Oral examination a few days later.

PLEASE NOTICE.

Orders for extra journals and letters on business matters are constantly being sent to the Editor at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W. All such letters should be addressed to the Manager, B.J.N. Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1, when they will receive prompt attention.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

To Our Correspondents.—As many nurses are enquiring concerning the Rules for Registration, and what steps they should take to conform to the Nurses' Registration Acts, we desire to say that the Rules to be framed under the Act have not yet been made. Notice will be given in this Journal as soon as the Rules are drafted to be laid before Parliament, and when approved, and the General Nursing Councils are prepared to receive applications for Registration.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Asylum Nurse.—"I have recently been working in a private asylum. It was heartrending. The poor male patients were spoken to like dogs by the male attendants. Why are these places permitted? Go on pleading for women for the care of mentally afflicted men. I simply could not go on, as I had no power to improve things."

Sick of Charity.—"It made me sick to have the hat sent round by the D.T. upon my behalf, at the unveiling of the Cavell Memorial. If I could have got near Queen Alexandra I should have made a protest. We did hiss when the begging box was thrust under our noses. Disgraceful!" (It is a pity our correspondent did not address her protest to Lord Burnham, who was present.—ED.)

Military Sister.—"Surely the General Nursing Council, when established, will be able to stop begging from patients and make it 'infamous conduct in a professional respect.' I am another nurse who 'sees red' when I read the *Daily Telegraph*. Why should millionaires of alien antecedents be permitted to violate British susceptibilities? How can they understand our psychology?"

(They can't; but they have learned the lesson that in this materialistic age—cash covers all.—ED.)

Private Nurse.—"My old training school, King's College Hospital, has for some time past followed the indefensible system of using nurses in their fourth year for profit, as private nurses for the hospital. They are not badly paid, but the principle is wrong. Let us hope when the Ministry of Health has had time to readjust the hospital system—that nurses will not be permitted to be farmed out for the benefit of charitable institutions. The College Council has carefully avoided attacking this abuse; we look to the Nurses Trade Union to do so.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

QUESTIONS.

April 3rd.—Express an opinion for or against the use of prophylactic packets for prevention of venereal disease.

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