

We learn with pleasure that the officials of the Association of Nursing Superintendents, and of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, have been authorised by the members of these Associations to press for State Registration of Nurses in India, and they have been so far successful that they hope a Bill will be brought before the Legislative Council of the Government of India next cold weather. They have applied to the President of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses for copies of the English Act, which have been forwarded with much pleasure.

It is good news also that it is hoped shortly to resume the publication of the *Nursing Journal of India*, which has been temporarily suspended.

The Union of International Associations, Brussels, has issued an invitation to attend a world-wide Congress from September 5th to September 20th to delegates of International Associations, and to national groups whose object is study and work in the international domain. Invitations are also to be sent to selected persons who are qualified by their work and competence to deal with the special points in the Orders of the Day. The patronage of various Governments has been solicited.

The International Council of Nurses is one of the societies which has been honoured with an invitation to co-operate actively with the Union of International Associations, so that the Congress, the Exhibition of International Life, and the Summer Session of the International University—the foundation of which will coincide with the birth of the new era which opens before humanity—may be attended by the best results. The invitation will, no doubt, be before the Executive of the International Council of Nurses when it meets at Atlanta next week, when it will, we may be sure, receive sympathetic consideration.

The influenza epidemic of eighteen months ago brought home to the public of South Africa, says the *Lancet*, the great need for trained native women nurses to tend to their own people. A scheme has been started on the Rand for the training of native women on the same lines as Europeans. Subjected to much criticism, the scheme has so far proved a success. The originator of it is Dr. Loesser, of the Central Hospital, Crown Mines. On February 28th five native female nurses were presented with certificates of competence. The girls are put through a three years' course, during which

they pass examinations at intervals in order to obtain the final certificate. The only difficulty that prevents native nurses perfecting their training is the specialised nature of their experience. Some mine hospitals provide much the same class of patients as military hospitals. But it is hoped that in the future certificated nurses from the mine hospitals may be given an additional course of nursing in the Native Women's Hospital in Johannesburg now being organised. It is emphasised by the organisers of the scheme that these trained native nurses will be of great value in their own territories. It is to be remembered that they are engaged solely in nursing people of their own race, and that they are under the superintendence of Europeans. It is encouraging to note that those responsible remark on the intelligence and adaptability of native girls as nurses, and the future progress of the movement will be watched with interest.

We congratulate Dr. Loesser, and wish every success to this scheme. We have always considered that the training of native women as nurses should be on lines which would render them eligible for the State examinations.

According to the *Daily News*, in an English hospital in the Malay Straits Settlements the salary for a trained nurse is £150 to £210 a year; with board, lodging and uniform provided. A private nursing home in Shanghai pays its nurses the still higher salary of £255 a year, with everything found.

The climate needs some paying for!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

By the kind permission of the British Medical Association, a meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses will be held in the Council Chamber, 429, Strand, on Saturday, April 24th, at 2.30 p.m. Important business will be on the Agenda for discussion.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

Miss Bushby, the Matron of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, has kindly invited the Matrons' Council—of which she is a valued member—to hold its Spring Meeting at the Hospital at the end of the month, the day to be announced later.

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