

BURNING QUESTIONS.

All nurses interested in (1) the Unemployment Act; (2) the Hours of Employment Bill; (3) just State Registration Rules, should attend the Conference on these burning questions to be held on Friday, December 3rd, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., at 3 p.m. Don't grumble. Confer and act.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

We are delighted to learn that at last, largely owing to the splendid tenacity of purpose and high professional ideals of Miss Gretta Lyons, the President of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, the constitution of an Australian Federal Council of Nurses has been drafted, which will enable the Australasian nurses to affiliate with the International Council of Nurses, it is hoped at its next meeting.

Miss Lyons made the important announcement at the annual meeting of the R. V. T. N. A., when she reported that she was deeply impressed at the International Council Meeting in London, with the educational intercourse between the representative nursing delegates from the various countries, each nation having its problems, but all inspired with the same ideals and nursing ethics. Australia had been moving since 1912, but the bar to admittance was the two Associations, the Australian, and Royal Victorian Association of Nurses. The suggested constitution provides for five delegates from each Association, so that delegates may be chosen from all the States.

Miss Lyons considers it most important that Australian nursing opinion shall be voiced at the next International, when Norway, Belgium and Italy, and probably China, are to be admitted, especially as Canada, New Zealand and India are affiliated, leaving only the Union of South Africa to come in, of the great British Dominions.

There are hopes that the next meeting of the International Council of Nurses will be held in 1922, and it is expected that the "Registered Nurses" of the United Kingdom will really unite to play an honourable part in a world's gathering of professionally enfranchised nurses.

Australasia and South Africa must be with us, or the Empire's nurses will lack two very bright jewels from their Crown.

WHY THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD., SHOULD CEASE TO COMPILE A REGISTER.

Now that Parliament has decreed that through the Nursing Acts, the State Registration of Nurses shall be effected, it is time the College of Nursing, Ltd., ceased to compile, and waste money in publishing a so-called Register of Nurses. It is not fair to nurses who are misled into thinking that such a Register confers either legal status in the United Kingdom, or reciprocity in the King's Dominions beyond the Seas.

It does neither.

The Royal British Nurses' Association has ceased to "register" nurses and to take money from them for such a purpose.

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY CANADA.

Last week we received a letter from Miss Helen Randal, R.N., the Registrar of the Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia in which she writes:—

"As Registrar of the Provincial Association of Trained Nurses in British Columbia, I am writing to ask you for help along lines which I know interest you very much.

We are beginning to be flooded with nurses from the old country with all manner of certificates, showing degrees of nursing education which may mean something where they are known and recognised, but which out here are valueless unless we can definitely know just what are the regularly accredited hospitals in Great Britain, and what that means in your national Registration Acts. To-day I have the application for her Registered Nurse's Certificate, from a nurse who claims to have graduated from . . . and if this is not recognised by your Council of Registration then the applicant cannot become a Registered Nurse of British Columbia. Can you refer me to any person who can tell me which are accredited schools under the new Act?

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FROM COLLEGE OF NURSING ALTOGETHER VALUELESS.

Is there any way of impressing on these nurses who have what they insist is their Registration Certificate from the College of Nursing, the real information that as such the certificate is altogether valueless? I have urged each nurse who shows one to me that she has not in any way obtained National Registration when she holds the Certificate from the College of Nursing.

"Might I ask for a list when published of the registered Training Schools in Great Britain, as I suppose the Council will have such a list for reference. We shall be glad in British Columbia to have a definite standard by which to grade the schools outside Canada."

From this letter the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., will realise how unjust it is to the

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