

Dr. Benes (Czecho-Slovakia) expressed the hope "that the agreements signed to-day may live in the spirit and in the letter. We hope that the great guardian spirits who presided over their inception will be able to watch over their future development.

"I am especially happy in the capital of the British Empire to render homage to the spirit of nobility, loyalty, and honesty which is the attribute of the genius of the English race, of which the Secretary of State, Sir Austen Chamberlain, was the incomparable representative and interpreter, and by those very means, the powerful artisan of the great work which future generations will bless."

The signing of the various documents then took place.

The Nurses of the World having realised at Helsingfors the duty of furthering peace between the Nations of the World, will read these expressions of opinion with hopefulness and joy. They are especially opportune as we approach the season of "Peace on earth, good will towards men."

The Departmental Committee on Child Assault hope to present their report early in December.

It is not proposed to publish the evidence, as, apart from the need for economy, much of it was given under an assurance that it would not be published.

This is not a question where there is any excuse for economy. This crime is appallingly on the increase—and no wonder—considering the tenderness with which it is punished.

COMING EVENTS.

December 11th.—Hammersmith District Nursing Association. Miss Rogers and the Nurses At Home to Collectors, Subscribers, and other Friends. Council Chamber, Hammersmith Town Hall. 3 p.m.

December 11th.—Aldwych Club Luncheon to Founders of the New Health Society. Address on "National Prosperity and the Nation's Health," by the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, W.C. 1 p.m.

December 12th.—General Meeting, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Medical and Surgical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 3 p.m. Social Gathering in Great Hall after Meeting.

December 18th.—Meeting of General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, W. 2.30 p.m.

December 19th.—Miss A. Carson Rae, S.R.N. At Home to friends, and members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 4-6 p.m.

December 25th.—Christmas Day.

KERNEL FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Miss L. L. Dock, U.S.A.—"I really think, if able to totter, I will try to go to China in 1929. . . . I am intensely in sympathy with the Chinese revolt against outsiders, and even with the anti-religious movement, for I think our parade of a Christianity, which is not at all the religion of Christ, has been so disgusting and so hypocritical that I do not wonder the logical, clearminded, and cultured Chinese have lost patience with it, and I hope that their dissatisfaction with it may result in a humbler attitude of real brotherhood according to Christ's teaching."

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

At the October Examination of the Central Midwives' Board, 608 candidates were examined, and 479 passed the examiners. The percentage of failures was 21.2.

THE NEW RULES OF THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

We desire to remind our readers that the New Rules of the Central Midwives' Board come into force on May 1st, 1926, and it behoves all heads of Training Schools, Teachers of Midwives, and intending candidates for examination to study them. They are procurable from Spottiswoode, Ballantyne & Co., Ltd., 1, New Street Square, E.C.4.

In a Memorandum in regard to the Rules, the Central Midwives' Board state: "The immediate object of the Board is to improve the training of women for the office of midwife, in the hope that thereby mortality and disability may be lessened among the mothers and babies of the nation. Though these regulations may go too far for some and not far enough for others, they represent the views of the Board, after a lengthy inquiry and investigation, of the degree of advance which may reasonably be asked at present from teachers and training schools. They represent but a minimal standard, and had there been nothing more than an increase in the length of training, that in itself will open possibilities for those taking full advantage of it."

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

The Examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland held simultaneously in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and Aberdeen, has just concluded with the following results:—

Out of the 151 candidates who appeared for the Examination, 137 passed. Of the successful candidates 36 were trained at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh; 41 at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow; 5 at the Maternity Hospital, Aberdeen; 10 at the Maternity Hospital, Dundee; 12 at the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, Edinburgh; and the remainder at various recognised Institutions.

NURSING IN 1925.

In our December issue of 1924 we enumerated some of the rights granted to trained nurses under the Nurses' Registration Acts. We further stated "What we have" and "What we want."

Under the first heading we set out: (1) the State Register of Nurses; (2) the Protected Uniform; (3) the Badge, and (4) that Preliminary State Examinations of Nurses had been held in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

Under the second heading we stated we were still awaiting (1) the Prescribed Syllabus of Training provided for in the Registration Acts; (2) the Amended Schedule for the Constitution of the Council; (3) An audited Balance Sheet published by the Council covering the period 1920-1924.

The Amended Schedule for the Constitution of the Council is now secured, thanks to the pertinacity of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, and the good offices of Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P. Let us hope that at the end of next year we may be able to record that the Syllabus of Training for Probationers has been prescribed by Rule.

In June-July, and October of this year, Final Examinations have been held.

The other most important event in the Nursing World in 1925 has been the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Helsingfors, and the consolidation of the Council, together with the holding of the first great International Congress of Nurses since that of Cologne in 1912.

LAST WORD FOR 1925.

"Conquest pursues where courage leads the way."

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR JANUARY, 1926.

Describe a typical case of Pneumonia. How may it be complicated?