

## The Order of Spanish-American Trained Nurses for Animals.

In accordance with the requests of many nurses, who served in the United States hospitals during the late war, says the *Trained Nurse*, an effort is now being made to establish an "Order of Spanish-American War Nurses." The matter has been placed in the hands of a committee, who take this method of bringing the matter officially to the notice of those nurses who served their country during the Spanish-American War.

It has been decided that to preserve the high character of the order the following qualifications will be necessary to secure for applicants permission to purchase the badge which is the insignia of the order, and the lawful wearing of which signifies a nurse's membership of the same:

Eligibility.—(1) The applicant must be a woman who has served under contract in a United States Army hospital for at least one month prior to December 31, 1898. (2) She must be a graduate from a recognized training school for nurses, or from a medical school. (3) She must be endorsed by two friends, who will write their names and addresses on the application paper. She must be acceptable to the committee, who will be aided in their judgment by Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee.

Objects.—The objects of the order are: (1) To celebrate the first admission of trained nurses to the United States Army. (2) To commemorate the work of nurses in the United States hospitals during the Spanish-American war. (3) To distinguish such nurses from others who have not served in the United States Army. (4) To promote a closer bond of fellowship among those who nursed during the late war.

Charter Members.—The first fifty applicants for the cross of the order shall be considered the charter members, and can at any time form themselves into a working society for any object they deem proper, electing their own officers and forming their own constitution.

Permission.—Permission to procure the badge, with an order for the same, will be granted to every qualified applicant who writes the secretary for a permit.

Badge.—The badge shall be the cross of the medical department, slightly modified (button or pin), in silver, enamelled in blue, seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, with the words "Spanish-American War Nurse, U.S.A." on the cross in silver.

Owner's name will be engraved on the back of the cross.

The committee appointed to organize the order of Spanish-American War Nurses was chosen by Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee.

NUMBERS of suggestions have reached the organisers of the various sections of the International Congress for the consideration of questions of interest, and that of Trained Nursing for Sick Animals is not the least interesting. It is hoped, therefore, that this subject may meet with consideration in the Agricultural Session, as several women are now well employed in attending to the ills which dumb animals are heir to. In the United States men are trained in this branch of veterinary science, and the following interesting interview with George Cooper, the Head Nurse at Ringling's Menagerie at Chicago, appeared lately in the local press:—

"There is one department of Ringling's menagerie which is never open to the public, although it is interesting and instructive to an unusual degree. This is the animal hospital, where sick and injured beasts are carefully and scientifically treated and cared for by trained animal nurses.

"Ringling's animal hospital is situated on the top floor of the horse department in the south end of the big building. It is a roomy, well-lighted apartment, being immediately under the skylights, and the arrangements for looking after the comfort of disabled animals are as complete in their way as those of the County Hospital. A visitor who inspected the animal hospital witnessed a singular scene. A number of temporary cages had been installed in the room, although only a few were occupied. Those that were tenanted gave every indication of the care and skill of the nurses in charge. A bear was lying on his side with one of his forelegs in splints; a lion, giving every evidence of suffering, was blinking in the corner of a low cage; a dog was swathed in bandages; two tiny ring-tailed monkeys were wrapped in blankets, with their heads protruding at the upper end, and a hyena ran back and forth in a padded den, alternately snarling and butting his head against the bars.

### "HOSPITAL CAR ON THE ROAD.

"This animal hospital," said George Cooper, the head nurse, "is an original departure with Ringling's, and has been in successful operation for several years. In a large menagerie like this there is always bound to be a certain number of animals injured or ailing, and their treatment was quite a problem before it was successfully solved by this show. The old method was to leave the injured or sick animal in its own cage, and close the cage to the public, or, if the animal seemed to be in a serious condition, to kill it, and thus relieve it of its

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