

fountain surrounded by sodded banks and winding paths bordered with flowers, plants and shrubbery. Comfortable settees will offer places of rest to those weary of sightseeing. Over the main entrance of the building on the south is a high dome, flanked by four square, open towers. Broad steps between large groups of statuary lead up to the entrance, which consists of a high arch with two tall columns on either side. Above the arch, elaborate relief work enriches the gable. Statues symbolizing the various arts and industries are placed in niches at the angles of the several open towers around the dome. The building is lighted from the windows of the loggias and around the inner court, and from skylights. The exterior will be of staff, which presents the effect of white marble, and its decoration will be in harmonious tints and colours.

THE NURSING EXHIBIT.

It is in this lovely casket in which nurses from Europe hope to find enshrined a complete and instructive Nursing Exhibit, which, we opine, will be well worth crossing three thousand miles of sea to study. It is to be hoped that every effort will be made by individual nurses to be present at the Nursing Celebrations at Buffalo in September next, for which our American colleagues are making such enthusiastic preparations.

THE BOARD OF WOMEN MANAGERS.

The Board of Women Managers will perform the duty of entertaining eminent women who may attend the Exposition, and will have handsome headquarters in the grounds, which will be the centre of courteous hospitality to be extended to delegates and prominent women workers. It is interesting to know that trained nursing is represented on this important Board of Women by Miss Annie Damer, the President of the Buffalo Nurses' Association. We may congratulate ourselves, therefore, that our professional interests will be well to the fore.

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Children's Fresh Air Fund.

"Happy hearts and happy faces,
Happy play in grassy places,
That was how in ancient ages,
Children grew to kings and sages."

This is the idea that the Middlesborough Children's Fresh Air Fund is endeavouring to put into practice, and in presenting the Fifth Annual Report, the Committee are glad to state that steady progress has been made. Many quaint letters have been received during the year, expressing the gratitude both of parents and children for sights of "fresh fields and pastures new."

The American Nursing World.

[By our Special Correspondent.]

I have told you nothing, so far, of the progress of the lately established course for nurses at Teachers' College, Columbia University: there are this winter seven students taking the course; they represent various schools for nurses—the Wisconsin General, the Johns Hopkins, the Newport, and others.

This winter, as before, the lectures relating to the hospital and nursing work are given by nurses, Miss Nutting, Miss Allerton, Miss Banfield, Mrs. Robb, and Miss Walker, while psychology, laboratory work, and domestic science are parts of the regular work of the College.

No doubt the most difficult, as well as most important part of the course to work up, is the practical demonstration side; the most difficult because hitherto non-existent in just the form needed; for these special students, Miss Alline, one of last year's class, is in charge of that part of the course, and is desirous of conducting the students through hospital kitchens, operating-rooms, linen-rooms, laundries and household-supply departments, as well as through municipal departments of hygiene, disinfection, and quarantine. Then, too, there are the modern systems of public and private charity, industrial movements as related to the prevention of poverty, disease and death, and all the constantly arising reform movements of one kind or another, with which a woman in the position of hospital or training school superintendent ought to be familiar in order to do the best work. Much experimentation will probably be called for before the problem of using limited time to the best advantage is solved entirely, but New York has all the material needed. As yet, naturally, the College authorities do not entirely grasp the needs of nurses seeking training for administrative positions. There should be rather less laboratory work and more outside investigation.

You will be sorry to hear that Miss Hibbard has been going through quite a severe attack of yellow fever. She is now beginning to convalesce, and writes cheerfully.

We feel pleased over the success of our Journal so far. A great deal of unpaid and, indeed, unpayable labour has been cheerfully contributed to help bring it on.

As I do not believe in waiting until people are dead, to praise them, I would like to raise a monument, now, to the women who have borne the chief burden and brunt of it: Miss M. E. P. Davis, formerly Superintendent of the University Hospital in Philadelphia, and Miss Palmer, Superintendent of the City Hospital, Rochester. They are both fine business women, accus-

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