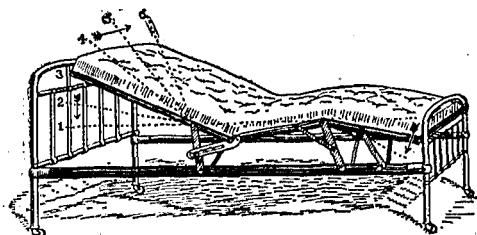


phthisical patients which, with table attached is most comfortable and complete.

The "Relics of Barbarism" from the Bethlem Royal Hospital, body jacket with chains, leg hobbles, handcuffs, etc., afford grim testimony to the treatment of lunatics in the past.



The Equipoise Bed.

A set of mortuary linen, kindly lent by the Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, which has exceptionally good mortuary arrangements is also well worth noting.

Altogether the Exhibition which opened on Thursday, November 22nd, and will be continued on the 23rd, and 24th, and the Conference in connection with it, should prove of much interest.

Visitors are asked to note that Mount Street, in which St. George's Hall is situated, runs from Park Lane to Berkeley Square, W. It is therefore easily approached by any of the omnibus routes by way of Park Lane, Audley Street, Bond Street, or Oxford Street.

### A Preparatory School Time Table.

A preparatory course of training for probationers is now in working order in connection with the great Charity Hospital of New York City—Bellevue—long advocated by Miss Jane A. Delano, the progressive Superintendent of the Training School for Nurses.

The course covers a period of three months. Upon admission to the Home each probationer is assigned some household duties, as the care of her own room, linen room, etc., thus giving her a feeling of responsibility. The general work is done by maids employed for the purpose.

#### DAILY ROUTINE FOR PROBATIONERS.

- 6.30 a.m.—Breakfast Roll.
- 7 a.m.—Breakfast.
- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—Hospital Wards.
- 11 a.m. to 12 a.m.—Class at Home.
- 12.30 p.m.—Luncheon.
- 2 to 3 p.m.—Class Demonstration.
- 3 to 5 p.m.—Hospital Wards.
- 6.15 p.m.—Dinner.
- 10 p.m.—Lights Extinguished.

### International Notes.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE.

Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, informs us that she is already receiving kind letters from Paris, offering help to make the Nursing Conference known. Miss Dock hopes to be in Paris next year in time to make practical arrangements for the success of the gathering.

At a meeting held recently of British Councillors of the I.C.N., at which Miss Isla Stewart presided, an outline of the scope of the Conference was agreed to, and a report of the meeting forwarded to Miss Dock for consideration on the other side. Professional Education (theory and practice,) Organisation of the Nursing Profession, State Departments of Nursing (military and naval), and The Care of Babies and Children (maternity, crèches, in schools, etc.), were some of the subjects suggested.

Miss Huxley (Irish Nurses' Association), who was present, suggested that the proceedings should be as practical as possible, and hoped that one Session might be devoted to instruction by demonstrations. This Session we believe would be extremely interesting, especially as in surgical technique, and in the care of *Enfants Trouvés*, the French can teach us a thing or two. We are pleased to note the French Nursing Press is beginning to take an interest in the matter.

Any suggestions for the popular organisation of the Conference if sent to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Honorary President of the International Council of Nurses will receive consideration.

### A History of Nursing.

The first of the three Histories of Nursing which are being compiled, and to which we have previously referred, is just issued, so that we have a history of our profession written by a lay-woman first in the field. Suffice it to say that Mrs. Sarah A. Tooley's History of Nursing in the British Empire is written in popular form, and although much labour has evidently been expended upon it, some grave inaccuracies appear in its pages, which are inexcusable because evidence in black and white in reference to these facts is already in print, and was therefore at Mrs. Tooley's disposal. We intend after careful perusal to give further space to the consideration of this volume.

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