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EDITORIAL.

THE ARMY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Immediately America came into the War the leading nursing experts were on the *qui vive* to evolve a plan which would meet the needs of the stricken troops and provide them with trained skilled nursing. These ladies had watched with intelligent interest the progress of military nursing in Europe, and in its disorganised methods found little to emulate outside the Imperial and Territorial Nursing Services. Beyond these well-disciplined Services—our amateur Red Cross nursing system—placing the skilled work of the professional worker under the direction of the untrained commandant—was condemned *in toto*. The Nursing Department of the American Red Cross is superintended at Washington by an experienced Matron, Miss Jane A. Delano, R.N., who has had the very best medical and nursing support in the further organization of her department, and after the appointment of Miss Annie Goodrich, R.N., as Chief Inspecting Nurse of the Army Hospitals in the Surgeon-General's Office, Washington, D.C., Miss Delano and Miss D. E. Thompson, R.N., of the Army Nurse Corps, U.S.A., have worked to evolve a complete system of nursing for the Army in the field.

At the recent Convention at Cleveland, two important Papers were presented—one by Colonel W. H. Smith, which represents Miss Goodrich's plan, the other, entitled "A Nursing Crisis," by Dr. Goldwater, which advocated the employment of nurses' aides as they have been trained for the past three or four years through the educational committees of the Red Cross. Great satisfaction has been given throughout the American nursing world by the authorization, by the Secretary of War upon the recommendation by the Surgeon-

General of the Army, of the establishment of the Army School of Nursing, evolved by the leading Nursing Superintendents and supported by Colonel W. H. Smith.

This School will put into operation a plan whereby the sick and wounded men in military hospitals will receive care through the method that has been found most effective in the civil hospitals. The course is to extend over a period of three years.

The military hospitals will provide experience in surgical nursing, including orthopedic, eye, ear, nose, and throat; medical, including communicable, nervous, and mental disease. Experience in the diseases of children, gynecology, obstetrics, and public health nursing will be provided through affiliations in the second or third year course.

Lectures, recitations, and laboratory work, will be given in the required subjects, each hospital assigned as a training camp having its staff of lecturers, instructors, and supervisors, and teaching equipment. To be eligible for the Army School of Nursing candidates must be between 21 and 35 years of age, in good physical condition, and of good moral character. They must be graduates of recognised high schools or present evidence of an educational equipment. Credit of nine months, or approximately an academic year, will be given to graduates of accredited colleges. No tuition fee is required.

In many of the military hospitals are to be found men and women prominent in the medical and nursing world through whom the School is assured of a strong faculty, and the following advisory council appointed to advise concerning the general policy assures its success:—

Colonel W. H. Smith, chairman; Colonel C. L. Furbush; Colonel W. T. Longcope; Miss M. Adelaide Nutting; Miss Lilian D. Wald; Miss Anna C. Maxwell; Miss Dora

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