

The Nursing Exhibition.

OUR readers will be pleased to hear that good progress is being made with the arrangements for the Nursing Exhibition. Our representative, Miss Margaret Breay, has visited many of the London Hospitals during the past week, and has received most cordial promises of help from the majority of the Matrons of the various Institutions. Indeed, it seems that already our difficulty will be to find space for all the charming and useful appliances which it is desirable to show.

Dolls, dressed in the uniform of the leading Training Schools, are always most popular, especially with the public. We propose, therefore, to offer two prizes for the best set of three dolls—Sister, Staff Nurse, and Probationer—dressed in uniforms; the first prize to be £3 3s., and the second £2 2s. The dolls, 15 to 17 inches high, can be obtained from H. Ellis, 20, 21, 23, and 24, Lowther Arcade, Strand, price 1s. 6d. Ladies who are good enough to dress the dolls, but do not desire to enter for a prize, can obtain them from the Manager, NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand, by stating the Hospital uniform they mean to represent. We hope we may have the uniform of the Army and Navy, and the principal English, Scotch, and Irish Hospitals represented.

We are also desirous of showing, in a safe case, specimens of the medals given by the various Nursing Schools and Nursing Societies, and hope the Matrons will be good enough to show the medals worn in the Hospitals to which they belong.

We shall also be pleased to receive a copy of the Certificate of Training for Nurses from those Hospitals in which they are awarded.

Photographs of Matrons and Nurses in uniform, with name of Hospital attached, and also photographs of Nursing Homes—interiors and exteriors—would also be of great interest.

We shall be glad to hear from any Nurse who has any Nursing appliance of interest, or which conduces to the comfort of the sick, which she would like to exhibit. Address Secretary, Nursing Exhibition, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

We have to thank those ladies who have kindly consented to act as Patronesses of the Nursing Exhibition. Free passes and a favour will be forwarded to them later, so that they will be able to pass in and out as they choose.

A National Association for Nurses and its Legal Organisation.*

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AMONG their unpleasant, but necessary obligations, will be these: To exclude or expel unworthy individuals, to censure or warn backsliding members, to expose, so far as can be legally and honourably done, such wrongs and injuries done to our best standards as they may encounter, and to check harmful tendencies as they may meet them. Their responsibility will be tremendous, but they will be equal to it if they will do their duty.

Let us now suppose for a moment that a national organisation, following the lines here suggested, was on the point of completion, what might we reasonably expect from it? For a long time, without doubt, little or nothing tangible. I know that in our profession there are many who imagine that some magic power lies behind the word "organisation," and that the declaration of a pass word or a motto, and the adoption of a badge will settle at once all troublesome questions and fix the status, privileges, and responsibilities of the trained Nurse. They believe that kaleidoscopic transformations in nursing work are possible when an association of Superintendents meets to exchange views. They write anxiously to the magazines to inquire, "Why do not the Superintendents fix a standard of work, establish a uniform curriculum, do this and that?" Or to say, "The Superintendents ought to abolish quack Training Schools; ought to do thus and so," as if they understood the Superintendents to be absolute monarchs. These women will be disappointed when the day or the year after joining an organisation they find themselves pretty much where they were before as regards grievances, imperfections, and irregularities. They will then lose heart, and blame the officers of the organisation; they will fall away and advise others to do the same. But it is not likely that any of you entertain such delusions. You know that the growth of such a common feeling of loyalty to our work, and responsibility toward one another as we need to cultivate, is a slow one, not to be hastened, but to be fostered through years with painstaking care; that radical changes are not to be brought about in a day, and that reforms that are worth anything have to be worked for long and arduously.

You all realise that what we may hope to do

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