

many valuable inventions made by Nurses for the comfort or assistance of the sick are unknown outside their own circle of friends and acquaintances. It is therefore obvious that an Exhibition which will place together in one Hall, the best appliances used in a number of different Hospitals, all arranged upon some systematic plan for facility of reference, observation, and comparison, would certainly be of very great educational interest and importance. And this, then, is the chief reason why the Nursing Exhibition has been proposed, and why it is now being organised.

A further advantage, however, and an additional reason for such exhibits, is that they will afford, to the public, information regarding the actual work of trained Nurses, and will give the best possible illustration of its great importance to the sick—points upon which, at present, there is a considerable lack of knowledge. To medical men, and Hospital authorities, also, it is believed that the Exhibition will be of much interest, as affording a ready means of comparison between the appliances employed in different Institutions. And, lastly, there can be no doubt that both to the inventor and the manufacturer of Nursing appliances, such an Exhibition of the various articles at present employed, will be eminently useful, stimulating them to introduce further improvements in existing inventions, and causing the development of new implements, the want of which will thus be made apparent.

It has been questioned whether it is probable that such an Exhibition will be successful from a pecuniary point of view. So far as public and professional interest in an exhibit of Nursing appliances is concerned, we are able to speak with some confidence, seeing that we had the honour of organising the British Nursing Section, under the auspices of the British Royal Commission, at the Chicago Exhibition, in 1893. The interest which was shown by all classes of visitors in that exhibit was of the most marked character, and was sustained to the very close of the World's Fair. The popularity of Nursing, on the one hand, and the importance attached by Nurses to the details of their work, on the other, are, if anything, even greater in this country than in the United States. We are led, therefore, to anticipate that there will be such an amount of interest shown in this forthcoming Exhibition as will render its usefulness certain, and therefore its success,

from our point of view, secured. But it is only right that it should be stated at once that not only will the expenses of the Exhibition be very great, but that it is not intended to make it profitable to its managers from a pecuniary point of view. It has been decided that if there should be any surplus, this shall be given to the Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton. We therefore consider that the gratitude of the Nursing profession is due to the Proprietor of this Journal for so generously guaranteeing the large expenses of this novel and quite experimental organisation.

It is arranged that the Exhibition shall be divided into Sections corresponding to the anatomical divisions of the body; for example, the Head, Chest, Abdomen, and Limbs; each including the special appliances employed in the Nursing of Operations on, or the Diseases of, each part. Further departments will include the requisites employed in the preparation for, or in the performance of, operations in public Hospitals or private houses; hygienic dresses for Nurses, and specimens of operation dresses in particular, both for Nurses and for medical men. By means of dolls, dressed in the uniforms of the different Hospitals, and for which several Prizes are offered in our advertising columns this week, the diverse varieties and styles of uniforms at present in vogue will be admirably illustrated. Various improved beds and couches for invalids will be shown, together with models of important inventions in connection with such articles. Specimens of furniture specially designed for use in private Hospitals will show, on the one hand, what great improvements have been made in this direction in recent years, and, on the other, will doubtless be of much practical advantage to those engaged in the management of these Homes. Educational books, and the charts and report papers employed by private Nurses, or in Hospitals, will also be shown; and in this department an interesting feature will be a collection of the various certificates which are granted by different Institutions to the pupils whom they have trained.

A second Hall will be devoted to valuable exhibits from a few well-known manufacturing firms, showing their specialities in the same departments as those which are illustrated in the systematised Exhibition. The Exhibition will open on June 1st, and will be open each week day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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