

desired in the Trained Nurses' Educational Exhibit, which is to be held in conjunction with the International Health Exposition in the Industrial Building, Forty-third Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, from April 25th to May 31st, 1898.

"The primary object of this exhibit is educational for nurses. It is also intended to show the development of this branch of woman's work since the inauguration of training schools. To this end booths are to be arranged showing the proper preparation of a room for a modern surgical operation in a private house; the arrangement of a room for contagious illness; a hospital diet kitchen, with instruction in invalid cookery, etc., etc. There are also to be demonstrations by nurses from various schools in methods of giving typhoid fever baths, packs, etc.

"These booths and demonstrations are to constitute the exhibits of the various schools, and we hope your school and its graduates will either separately or unitedly send a representative exhibit.

"The general expense of this exhibit having been assumed by the Health Exposition Management, there will be no charge to schools for space. Freight or expressage (within a reasonable amount) will also be paid by the exposition management, who further agree to construct all necessary booths (except decorations).

"The expense to any school exhibiting will therefore be the inside decoration and furnishing of booths or the cost of preparation and attendance upon its individual exhibit. Even the inside furnishing and furnishing of booths will, in some instances, be done gratis by manufacturers of wall paper, woodwork, flooring, furniture, etc., who have taken space in the commercial part of the exposition, and who are glad of the privilege of thus advertising their work again in our department. We have a representative who interviews firms for this purpose, so should you desire to send an exhibit and will notify us what manufactured articles you would like to have thus loaned, we may be able to procure them for you.

"Some of the exhibits thus far decided upon are as follows:—

"New York Hospital Training School and Alumnae Association.—A booth representing an ideal sick-room, a lift for sunstroke cases, smaller exhibits, photographs, and demonstrations at certain hours.

"Bellevue (New York City).—A booth showing a room prepared for a surgical operation, photographs, medals, inventions and literature by Bellevue graduates and other minor features, demonstrations, etc.

"The Post Graduate (New York City).—A corner of their famous Babies' Ward with minor exhibits.

"New York City.—An obstetrical ward, inventions by New York City graduates, etc.

"Mt. Sinai (New York City).—A booth prepared for eye and ear service, etc.

"St. Luke's (New York City).—An hospital operating room, etc.

"Presbyterian (New York City).—Their model miniature wards, which attracted so much interest at the World's Fair, a croup tent, various apparatus, etc.

"Training Schools connected with the New York State Hospital for the Insane.—A booth showing former and abandoned methods for caring for and restraining the insane; furniture used in asylums formerly, etc. Booth exhibiting present methods of receiving, treating, and nursing patients, and recording symptoms.

"Other suggestions for exhibits are a representative

arrangement of contagious and orthopædic rooms, an ideal nursery, wards for the insane, medicine and linen closets, a diet kitchen, a model play room for convalescent children, a booth for out-patient service, district nursing equipments, bicycle equipment for suburban district nursing, and demonstrations of any branch of nursing which may be properly shown in such an exhibit. Duplicates are allowable.

"A feature which we hope will interest many nurses will be that of competitive exhibits, which are open to graduates and pupil nurses everywhere.

"It is especially desirable that as many bright and amusing features as possible in the nature of burlesque, for instance, or old time home remedies, etc., be added to the exhibit.

"Suggestions for these features and for the historical department will be appreciated by the management, as will also information concerning inventions, or especially creditable work by trained nurses, or anything else of interest.

"Sample sheets, showing methods of keeping superintendent's day-books, records of pupils' work, head-nurses' reports, district nurses' daily record, rules for ward maids, etc., are solicited.

"Loans of medals, pins, badges, fac-similes of diplomas and dolls (size, eighteen inches), dressed in complete characteristic uniforms, are desired from as many schools as possible. Send, care of manager, not later than April 10th, 1898.

"Lectures by physicians, papers and discussions on timely topics by nurses will also form a part of our general plan.

"Clubs and societies, as well as schools and individuals, are cordially invited to participate in this exhibit.

"The courtesy of a hall or parlour has been extended by the management of the Industrial Building to any nurses' club or society of general interest which may desire to hold sessions during the exhibit. Notifications for such meetings to be sent to the manager as early as possible.

"Special travelling-rates to and from New York may be obtained from May 3rd to May 10th, 1898. Information regarding hotels or boarding houses may be obtained by addressing Chairman Entertainment Committee, Trained Nurses' Educational Exhibit, Industrial Building, New York City, New York.

"Medals will be awarded to the schools showing the best exhibits.

"The object of this undertaking being solely educational all may share alike in its benefits, and as it is the first concerted effort of the kind among nurses in America we hope you will give us your hearty and active co-operation to insure making it a memorable success.

"Kindly advise us as early as possible, if you will like space assigned you, also what form of exhibit you contemplate."

American nurses are beginning to wonder if they may have an opportunity to do some war service. English nurses have had some military experience, but here the profession of trained nursing has evolved since the close of our last war, so that the American nurse knows nothing of field or ambulance service. Whether, in case of war, she would be officially recognized by the army authorities, or whether the American Red Cross would have charge of hospitals, or what the system of nursing would be, and how large her share in it, are questions now coming to her mind—and which may be answered a little later on.

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