

before she enters the wards of the Hospital. This training might cover a period of six months with distinct advantage to the pupil, and should embrace a practical study of household duties and administration and of cookery for invalids.

All necessary study of anatomy and physiology, of hygiene, and of materia medica, should form the earliest training and instruction given to a pupil. Such a change would be a further development of the educational ideals in the training of nurses, which this School has at all times advanced. It would in some measure correspond to the generally accepted methods of teaching in other professions, notably that of medicine, where it is considered neither wise nor safe for student or patient that theory and practice should begin together.

GRADUATES.

The demand for graduates of this School to fill positions elsewhere is very great, far beyond our possibilities of supplying. The demand is not limited to hospitals or schools of nursing, but comes from many other kinds of institutions where the need exists for women at the head, not only of professional attainments, but of high character and executive ability; women who represent the value of training and discipline. During the last year we have received about sixty calls for our graduates, ranging from San Francisco to Cuba. A list is appended showing the number of nurses now in such positions.

The total number of nurses graduated to date is 193.

About 120 of these are steadily at work; over 50 in various hospital positions, 9 are doing district nursing, and 2 are on the hospital ship *Relief*, still at Manila.

The report of the work of graduate nurses in Baltimore is encouraging. The clubhouse is now on a self-supporting basis, the benefit funds are accumulating satisfactorily, and at the last meeting of the Alumnae Association, it was voted to offer something in the way of a scholarship to aid any of our graduates who wish to take the course of instruction to nurses now offered at the Teachers' College, Columbia University.

APPLICANTS.

The number of applicants remains about the same. The number of those who have applied for circulars is

Applicants formally considered ...	114
Applicants accepted	50
Applicants for post-graduate course	44

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The Buffalo Exposition.

As the International Nursing Congress arranged by the International Council of Nurses, in celebration by trained nurses of the inauguration of the new century, has been convened to take place at Buffalo, New York State, next September, much interest is naturally centred on this city, and any information concerning it is welcome. Buffalo, indeed, will be a centre of exceptional interest next year, for not only will the Pan-American Exposition be held there from May to October, but the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and the Nurses' Associated Alumnae meet there for their Annual Conferences. Buffalo has also a large and important Nurses' Association of its own, which is organizing a nursing exhibit in connection with the Exposition. Some account of this city, therefore, will be welcome at the present time to British nurses, and we, accordingly, reprint the following extracts from an article which appeared in the current number of the *Cosmopolitan*.

Buffalo is a city of homes, and homes with lawns around them. There are plenty of flats and apartment-houses, but the chief glory of the city is the house, with the strip of green in front. The West Side people are Porch-dwellers, a distinctive Buffalo type. Every house has a porch, and these porches are literally the living-places in the summer-time. They eat on their porches, read on them, have parties on them, and do everything but sleep on them. No need to go to a summer resort if you live in Buffalo. The temperature is nearly always low. The winds that make the inhabitants shiver in January and March blow mildly in from Lake Erie in the summer-time and temper the heat of the sun.

Socially, Buffalo is delightful. The people are hospitable and kind. They welcome outsiders, especially if the outsiders intend to become Buffalonians. There are half-a-dozen clubs and innumerable women's organisations. The churches are prosperous. The town looks after its own, and provides band concerts and Fourth of July celebrations and things of that sort for everybody. The city is belted with parks, well kept and picturesque. There are a good zoo and a fine botanical garden. Lake Erie furnishes endless opportunities for water excursions. Niagara Falls is only forty minutes away by steam-cars or trolley. The Front is a charming spot on the banks of the Niagara River, next to Fort Porter, where in times of peace a regiment is stationed. There is a great free library, and will soon be a public art gallery.

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