

nursing world are to be with us. The four official delegates cannot be elected until the meeting of the American Federation of Nurses in June, but, who ever they are, they will be of the best. Papers have been promised by Mrs. Hampton Robb, Miss Nutting, Miss Aline, Miss Parsons, and Miss L. L. Dock. Mrs. Dita H. Kinney, the Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps of the United States, hopes to come over. No one can speak with greater knowledge and sympathy of "The Nurse as Patriot" than the organiser of this Corps, and we hope she will support our Secretary of State for War. A little later we shall have the names of many Americans who are going to show us the light of their countenances; also let us hope we may listen to the music of their eloquence.

An innumerable number of important questions are suggested from the United States for debate, many of which will dovetail into the discussions on the various Papers. For instance, Eight Hours' Work in the Schools, International Bureaux for Nurses, Scholarships, the Ethics of Medical Traffic in Nursing Education, from which evil American and German nurses suffer.

Miss J. C. van Lanschot-Hubrecht, of Holland, will propose higher and specialised education for Private Nurses, to make them more acceptable to the public. In Holland, it is interesting to learn that mental nurses after three years' training are examined and certified as fit for institutional work, but a special course of training and examination must be passed to qualify them for private duty. Miss van Hubrecht would have private nurses trained in all the domesticities and refinements so necessary in a nurse who enters into the privacy of family life.

Miss Eugenie Hibbard, who came to England to take charge of the American hospital ship *Maine*, during the South African War, and who is now in charge of Governmental nursing in Cuba, proposes, together with Miss Pearson, another American pioneer, to attend the Congress, and a dear little Japanese nurse, Miss Choko Suwo, trained in America, is arousing interest in the Congress in her native Japan. Miss Edla Wortabet will also be back from Syria full of information, as she is travelling home by easy stages, gathering information by the way.

All this is by way of a little beginning, and it has been made possible through the chain of admirable nursing journals—controlled by professional women—which now circulate around the world.

The Exhibition.

Such keen interest has centred in the Congress that so far the Nursing Exhibition to be held in conjunction with it has not received all the attention it deserves. It is, however, getting under way. We will just remind our readers that its distinctive feature will be the Exhibit of Practical Nursing Appliances, to be principally made and shown by trained nurses themselves. It is divided into the following Sections:—

1. Practical Nursing Appliances in Ward and Operating Room.
2. Nursing of the Head (Brain, skull, eye, ear, nose, mouth, and throat).
3. Nursing of the Chest, Heart, and Lungs.
4. Maternity Nursing.
5. District and Tuberculosis Nursing.
6. The Mortuary.
7. Nursing Models, Dolls in special uniform.
8. Nursing Literature, Photographs, Badges, Brassards.
9. Nurses' Inventions.
10. The Irish Nursing Exhibit.

If Matrons and Nurses will be good enough to intimate if they have anything of special interest and value to show, to the Secretary, Nursing Exhibit, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., and in Ireland to the Secretary, Nursing Exhibit, Irish Nurses' Association Office, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, their letters will receive immediate attention.

PRIZES FOR NURSES.

The following prizes are offered:—

For the best Sections as a whole:—

First prize, £3 3s.

Second prize, £2 2s.

Third prize, £1 1s.

For Nurses' Inventions:—

First prize, £2 2s.

Second prize, £1 1s.

DISTRICT NURSING SECTION.

In order to make the Section of District Nursing of real practical interest, it is proposed to form a collection of

NURSING EXPEDIENTS,

That is, articles invented, made or adapted by Nurses, and especially suited for district work.

The following have already been promised:—

Cradle for suspending leg, and enabling knee to be drawn up.

Cradle made from child's hoop.

Meat safe costing 4d.

Model of make-shift cot.

Webbing sling, etc., etc.

Nurses are invited to help in making this section a success by sending exhibits. It will be seen

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