

BEING INITIATED

COURSES HAVE STARTED FOR NURSES IN TRAINING.

Thirty-four of the thirty-seven students who compose the first unit of the Army School of Nursing, have arrived and are gradually being initiated into the mysteries of the life of a probationer in nursing the sick. All of these young ladies represent a superior grade of intelligence and culture, having made their application through the Dean of the Army School of Nursing, Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, and received their appointments through her. They must present credentials as having completed high school, or an excellent equivalent. As a fact, more than fifty per cent of them are college or normal school graduates. And, what is also an excellent, though unrequired credential, many of them have made practical use of their educational advantages by way of teaching, or other vocational employment. They come to us from a number of different states, only two being from North Carolina in this group.

It is an honor to Camp Greene to have been chosen as one of the camps whose Base Hospital is to afford the greater part of the course of training for the new schools of nursing, the institution of which has been called forth by the need of nurses for the war service. The young women represent a response to a call sent forth for enlistment in a work of the high-

est order of patriotism, demanding social and educational qualifications corresponding. Their training and professional advantages while with us must be of the best, to produce the highest type of nurses for our country's need.

The Standard Curriculum is to be followed, having been devised and adopted by the National League of Nursing Education as a standard after years of patient study and development. The course is under the direction of Miss Parish, chief nurse of the Base Hospital. She is assisted by Miss Elizabeth Uzelmeier, as instructor, Miss Margaret Edwards, Dietitian instructor, and a social director who is expected soon, who will have charge of the activities of the student group in their off duty hours. Assistance is also rendered by Miss Jehle and Miss Zilleh, of the present staff of graduate nurses, in practical work and charge of quarters.

Lectures are being conducted by Miss Uzelmeier, who is in charge of the major part of the teaching, both theoretical and practical. The medical staff of the hospital is lending valuable assistance in providing courses in Materia Medica, anatomy, etc. Captain Ellen is conducting daily drill exercises. Bacteriology is being taught by Miss Chapin, laboratory assistant. Lectures are being given in the reconstruction ward E-3.

During the four months preliminary course the following subjects will make up the curriculum.

Anatomy and Physiology, Applied

Chemistry, Nutrition and Cooking, Bandaging, Personal Hygiene, Hospital Housekeeping, Bacteriology, Historical, Ethical and Social basis of Nursing, Drugs and Solutions, Preparation of Dressing and Practical Nursing.

While we are trying to begin the teaching work and keep going, our equipment is slow in arriving; books, laboratory furnishings, etc., are ordered through headquarters at Washington, but not yet here. As no special provision has been made by the War Department to supply the needs of class rooms in hospitals, we are short of many furnishings which would add greatly to our comfort and convenience. Bookcases, writing tables, library furnishings of almost any kind, are needed. We hope as our school progresses to have all the equipment of use in the best civil hospitals, and while we are a crude exterior, architecturally, we may be cheerful and homelike within.

BAND WILL PLAY

Oasis Temple Band of Charlotte, will give an open-air concert at the Soldiers' club, Sunday afternoon, September 23, at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Bertha Orndorf, of Charlotte, soprano, will be the soloist. Following the concert the usual informal social hour will be observed when soldiers will be given opportunity to become acquainted with civilians. Every enlisted man of Camp Greene is cordially invited.

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