

## INTERNATIONAL

## ADVANCE NOTICES.

*American Public Health Association Convention, Havana, Cuba, Dec. 4-9, 1911. Dr. Wm. C. Woodward, General Secretary, Washington, D.C. International Red Cross Conference, Washington, D.C., May 7-15, 1912, Dr. C. R. Dixon, General Secretary, Canadian Red Cross Society, 192 Bloor Street West, Toronto Ontario; International Eugenic Congress, London, England, July 24-30, 1912. Address the Honorable Secretary, 6 York Buildings, Adelphi, London, England. Seventeenth International Congress of Medicine, London, England, summer of 1913. Further particulars of this Congress will be given later. Honorary General Secretary, Prof. H. Burger, Vondelstraat, Amsterdam.*

**International Red Cross Conference.**

Empress Marie Feodorovna Prize Competition.

To be held in conjunction with the 9th International Red Cross Conference, Washington, D.C., May 7-17, 1912.

*Programme.*

1. A scheme for the removal of the wounded from the battlefield with the minimum number of stretcher bearers.
2. Portable wash-stands for use in the field.
3. The best way of carrying dressings for use in regimental aid posts and dressing stations.
4. Wheeled stretchers.
5. Transport of stretchers on mule back.
6. Easily folding portable stretcher.
7. Transport of the wounded between warships and hospital ships and the coast.
8. The best method of heating railway carriages by a system independent of steam from the engine.
9. The best model of portable Roentgen apparatus for the employment of X rays at the dressing stations and on the field of battle.

*Prizes.*

First prize of 6,000 roubles (approximately \$3,000).

Two second prizes of 3,000 roubles (approximately \$1,500) each.

Six third prizes of 1,000 roubles (approximately \$500) each.

Inventions entered in this competition are to be displayed at an exhibition to be held on the occasion of conference.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. C. R. Dickson, General Secretary Canadian Red Cross Society, 192 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

**The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the American Hospital Association.**

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the American Hospital Association, held in New York from September 19th to 22nd, under the presidency of Dr. W. L. Babcock, of Detroit, was highly successful. The audience was largely composed of women, mostly superintendents or matrons of hospitals, or nurses. They took their part in the papers and discussions with great ability. As speakers they compared favorably with the men. The programme was long, so it must suffice to refer to only some papers of outstanding public concern. Mr. George McAneny, president of the Borough of Manhattan, in welcoming the members to New York, took as his subject hospital reform. He sharply criticized New York's divided system of hospital supervision and advocated a centralization of the hospitals of the city. He deprecated the action of the city authorities in demanding the provision included in the new charter for centralizing the control of some of the city hospitals, asserting that it had put the situation back into its former position.

The first, and perhaps the most generally interesting, paper read was by Dr. J. N. E. Brown, of Toronto, until recently superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital. Dr. Brown had just returned from a tour of inspection of hospitals in Great Britain, Germany, France, Austria, and Holland. He referred to the various systems of hospital support, and considered that state or municipal support of such institutions, as in vogue on the Continent, was superior to the voluntary method of Great Britain, and the partially voluntary method of America. Dr. Brown also appeared to be favorably prepossessed with the European method of hospital administration, and stated that in his opinion "a medical man, *ceteris paribus*, makes the best sort of director of a large hospital, but when appointed to fill such a position he should be relieved of work which