

bellwort, dogtooth violet, anemone, lady's-slipper, a score or more of delicate little wild orchids. The list might be extended indefinitely—and all of them plants that tolerate or even demand at least partial shade.

This is not meant to be an exhortation to every home-grounds flower grower to hasten into the nearest woodland with trowel and basket, to uproot and transplant. That way murder lies. Most transplanted wildflowers soon sicken and die, unless the job has been done by an experienced hand. However, there are at least a few persons in the country who have been sufficiently interested in promoting our native species to go into the wildflower-reproducing business on at least a small scale. They are deserving of all flower-growers' patronage.

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#### PUBLIC HEALTH

### Opportunities for Nurses In Post-War World

► THE NEED for nurses continues to increase. To meet this need, 65,000 must be added to the enrollment of accredited nursing schools by July of this year, according to a statement from the U. S. Office of Education. Even allowing for the number who may be drawn from colleges it will take about one out of every nine girls graduating from high school this spring to make up the total needed.

Many high school girls are doubtless convinced that their services will be needed if they finish training before the war is over, but they may be wondering what the post-war future will hold for them in the way of work and a livelihood if they enter nursing training now. They and their parents may feel that the sudden and large increase in the numbers now entering training may make nursing an overcrowded profession after the war.

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"Partial answers, all of them reassuring, are to be found in the following considerations," says the statement from the Office of Education.

"The normally high rate of turn-over among nurses in peacetime, which has undoubtedly been materially checked during war, may logically be expected to reach a new high in the immediate post-war period. Many nurses who entered nursing, or who came out of retirement to patriotically serve the war effort, will drop out of nursing again as the period of emergency ends.

"Moreover, the conditions which have necessitated the wartime expansion of hospitals and public health facilities will tend to perpetuate the increased demand for nursing service beyond the war. The increase in group medical and hospital service will also tend to increase the opportunities for nursing."

In addition, such special fields as public health nursing and the various services in nursing education are expected to expand and call for more nurses than in the past.

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