

The American Nursing World.

At the Annual Meeting of the Associated Alumnae of Trained Nurses, held in New York, May, 1899, the following ladies were appointed a committee to consider ways and means of publishing a magazine to be the official organ of the Society:—

Miss M. E. P. Davis, *Chairman*, 4168, Washington Street, Roslindale, Mass.; Miss S. F. Palmer, *Superintendent*, Rochester City Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.; Miss M. A. Nutting, *Superintendent of Nurses*, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; Miss M. W. Stevenson, 53, Brentwood Street, Allston, Mass.; Miss H. Fulmer, Visiting Nurse Association, Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.

This committee has ascertained that a very satisfactory agreement can be entered into with a publishing house of high standard, if it can have the assurance of not less than 1,500 subscribers. The price of the magazine is to be \$2.00 yearly.

Remittance must be sent by March 15th, 1900.

The outline of the new magazine is already sketched out, and Miss S. F. Palmer, Superintendent of the City Hospital, Rochester, is to be the editor.

Amongst the editorial staff we find many of the names of those ladies who have taken the initiative in the organization of the profession of nursing in the States:—Mrs. Robb, Miss Isabel McIsaac (Cook County Hospital, Chicago), Miss Linda Richards (University Hospital, Philadelphia), Miss Mary A. Riddle (City Hospital, Boston), and Miss L. L. Dock, whose delightful articles are so much appreciated by the readers of this journal.

Amongst the sections with which the new paper will deal, we observe that space is to be given up to "Educational" and "Progressive Movements," and the department of "Foreign Correspondence" will be conducted by Miss Dock.

We heartily congratulate our dear nursing colleagues in the States upon their unanimity of purpose in working with so much public spirit and devotion for the good of the profession. It benefits the nurses of all nations.

We hear from Mrs. Quintard, who won all hearts whilst with us at the Congress, that she is leaving St. Luke's Hospital, New York, and is proceeding at any early date to Cuba, to take up pioneer work in that new American dependency. Large hospitals and other beneficent institutions are being erected in the island, and a hospital of four hundred beds is being arranged at Puerto

Principe. To leave a lovely hospital in New York to go forth and take up work under new and difficult circumstances in a trying climate, requires much courage, and we feel sure that Mrs. Quintard will do first-class work for her country wherever she goes. Our hearty good wishes go with her.

The Army Nurse Corps Bill has been introduced into Congress, to require the permanent employment of women nurses in military hospitals. Some of its provisions are progressive and excellent. It requires that there shall be a Superintendent of Women Nurses, who shall be a graduate from a general hospital training school for nurses, having a course of instruction of not less than two years, who shall be appointed by the Secretary for War, at a salary of \$2,000 (£400) per annum; that the nurses shall be graduates of general hospital training schools having courses of instruction lasting not less than two years; that they shall be appointed by the Surgeon-General, under regulations approved by the Secretary for War; that they shall receive \$40 (£8) a month when on duty within the limits of the United States, and \$50 (£10) when on duty outside the limits of the United States.

It is to be regretted that those responsible for the Bill have not adopted the three years' term of graduation as the standard for women nurses in the Army Service, as nearly all the leading training schools in the States have, within the last few years, raised the term of training to this standard. The inauguration of a Nursing Department at the War Office of the United States is a most important step in advance, and one which, we hope, ere long, to see adopted at home.

Lady Hesketh, who is at present in California, has had her subscription list for the American hospital ship *Maine*, now stationed at Durban, started by the Sharon Estate Company with £1,000. She has perfected her arrangements for forming committees in California and Nevada for raising additional funds. Mrs. Adair, who is at present in New York, on a special mission in connection with the *Maine*, has formed committees in several of the chief northern cities.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I have been interested in your comments upon the remarks lately made by Mrs. Garrett Anderson upon nurses and nursing, and admire the moderation and reasonableness with which you point out the cause of her evidently scanty knowledge. Mrs. Garrett Anderson was one of the pioneers in medicine, and pioneers have always had such hard lives in hewing down the mountains of prejudice before them that they cannot be expected to develop the sweeter side of

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)