

Nurses of Note.

MISS SOPHIA F. PALMER.

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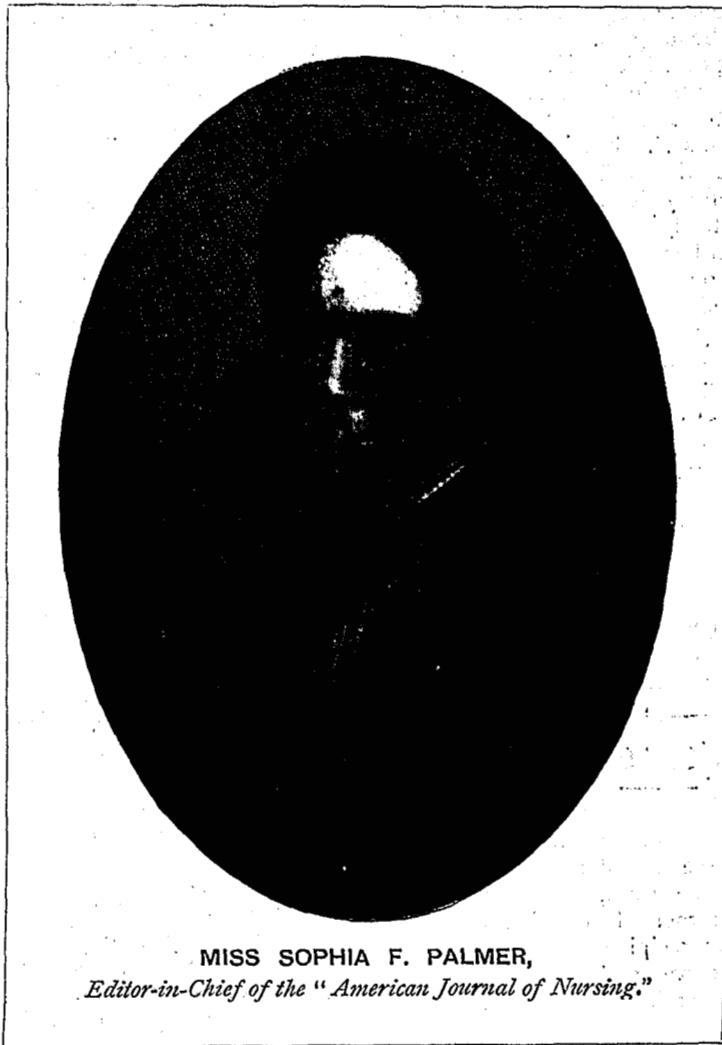
Our *American Journal of Nursing* has now arrived the dignity of having an editor who will undertake no other duties, but will devote herself entirely to the work she has so ably begun—Miss Palmer, who has so far performed the duties of editor-in-chief with no previous experience of the kind whatever, and in addition to the cares of superintending a large hospital, has done so well that the journal has succeeded beyond our fondest expectations. From the beginning it has paid its way, and is now earning a surplus, a result largely due to the exceptional business ability of Miss Palmer and the chairman of the executive committee, Miss Davis. The magazine has, of course, had the loyal and hearty support of nurses all over the

country, the various alumnae associations feeling a direct personal interest and responsibility. Many of the heads of departments are nurses holding hospital positions, to whom the necessity for providing so much "copy" every month has been, in some instances, almost the proverbial "last straw." It is, therefore, likely that some reconstruction of the editorial staff will be effected, as the need of relief from routine work is pressing, and with the

prospect of continual financial success an assistant editor or two will probably be added in the near future, with a large number of collaborators in different parts of the country. Miss Palmer has been a superintendent of hospitals for nearly twenty-five years, and may well feel that she has earned the right to lay off the harness to take up a work, pleasanter perhaps, less grinding, and allowing ample liberty, while yet affording full

opportunity for the exercise of every faculty.

Miss Palmer is a very characteristic daughter of New England, and has inherited to the full the sterling qualities and somewhat masterful mind of our Puritan fathers. How well it is for us that these qualities were sometimes surreptitiously given by kindly nature to the women of the family. For these stern and intellectual forefathers had no idea whatever of allowing their daughters to emulate them in independence and self-reliance; but somehow in spite of them the daughters have accomplished it all. Miss Palmer is a staunch loyalist to her own sex, as she has shown continually in her work. Her posi-



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tion as head of the hospital brought with it powers and authority usually wielded by men, and her strong womanliness brought the "home" atmosphere into every department of the hospital. She was fond of employing women pharmacists, and had a trained nurse as book-keeper and on duty in the office, believing that the cold and formal routine of the front office under the average man found in such positions chilled the visitors,

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