

Miss Palmer, in America, a nurse, is a journalist, and is also very active in all civic reforms in her own city, and, being a woman of large and varied experience, and connected with many important societies, has a very wide field for work and influence.

There is at present a general movement among nurses to study parliamentary law, sociology, and modern movements.

Two local groups—the Metropolitan Club and Johns Hopkins Hospital Training School Alumnae—belong to the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Nurses, by their training, are especially fitted for reform and preventive work, and each succeeding year finds a larger number employed outside what might be considered professional lines. That their work has been acceptable is proven by the increasing demand for their services. They have been found ready to aid in all forward movements, and are always glad to work shoulder to shoulder and in hearty accord with any society whose aim is the improvement of conditions for the half which knows not how to live.

### The American Nursing World.

"Yourself and Friends are cordially invited to attend the Fifth Annual Convention of the Associated Alumnae of Trained Nurses of the United States, May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, at the Lexington Hotel, Chicago." It goes to one's heart to refuse so kind an invitation, but we promise our colleagues over the water that we shall be with them in spirit every hour of the time.

A most interesting program has been arranged: Address of welcome, entertainments, and business committees, of course, and it is interesting to observe that many of the important questions brought forward at the great International Congress last year, are to receive further consideration at Chicago. For Friday the following program is arranged:—

Paper—"Nursing Profession in Preventive and Reform Work," as read before the National Council of Women in Washington, by Miss Linda Richards.

Paper—"Organisation and Legislation for Graduate Nurses," as read before the International Congress of Nurses in Buffalo, by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

Discussion opened by Miss Anderson, delegate from Orange Memorial Alumnae and member of New Jersey State Association, followed by Miss Rose, the delegate from Illinois Training School Alumnae, and member of Illinois State Association; the delegate from Old Dominion Alumnae and member of Virginia State Association, and by

Miss L. L. Dock, a member of Bellevue Alumnae and of the New York State Association.

For Saturday:—

Paper—"Preparatory Instruction of Nurses," as read before the International Congress of Nurses in Buffalo, by Mrs. Strong.

Discussion—Miss G. C. Ross, John Hopkins Alumnae.

Paper—"Post Graduate Work for Graduate Nurses," as read before the International Congress of Nurses in Buffalo, by Miss M. Helena McMillan.

Discussion—Miss Ann L. Pearse, St. Luke's, Chicago.

These most important questions will require still further earnest consideration from trained nurses all over the world before a happy solution will be found for all our difficulties, but we are delighted to find State Registration well to the fore both in the States and England at this year's annual gathering of the nursing clans. It is the heaven—which leaveneth the whole lump.

### Army Nursing Notes.

The following letter which we hope will receive consideration at the War Office, was recently addressed to the *Broad Arrow*:—

#### ARMY NURSES AND MEDAL CLASPS.

"SIR,—I have read the correspondence in *The Broad Arrow* regarding the grant of the South African ribbon to Militiamen who have served in the Mediterranean; also regarding the fact that three clasps could, until the 15th July, 1901, be gained (?) by anyone who took a railway journey from Cape Town to Johannesburg. But no one has alluded to the innovation whereby nursing sisters of the A.N.S. are deprived of clasps to their medals. This is a distinction reserved for ladies of the A.N.S. and Kaffirs. Hitherto clasps have always been awarded to Army nurses under the same conditions governing their issue to other members of the field force, whether combatant or non-combatant. What is the reason for their non-issue for this war? Is it because nurses serve under the Red Cross? Such a limitation has not been notified in Army Orders. There must be some reason for not giving them clasps. But why does it stop at the clasps? Surely it should, by ordinary common-sense, include the deprivation of a medal altogether? Scores, probably hundreds, of ladies, qualified nurses, volunteered to come out here and nurse, and have done so for over two years; why are they, members of a Service of which Her Majesty the Queen is chief, deprived of a reward which costs so little and means so much?

I am, etc.,  
SOUTH AFRICA."

#### ANOTHER COMPARISON TO OUR DISADVANTAGE.

The various military hospitals in the Peking expedition are described in the December number

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