

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS. FROM THE UNITED STATES.

### A SILVER LINING.

Professor Adelaide Nutting's "daughters," the graduates, students and staff of the Nursing and Health Department, have commemorated the twentieth anniversary of the beginning of nursing work in the Teachers' College, Columbia University, by presenting her with a cheque for twelve-hundred dollars, to be used as the beginning of a fund for an Adelaide Nutting Historical Nursing Collection. This collection will consist of books, prints, pictures, and all kinds of material on the history of nursing. It will be housed in Teachers' College, and will be particularly for the use of students in the department; but it will also be open to other nurses who wish to consult it.

We are proud to know that the whole file of sixty-four volumes of THE NURSING RECORD and BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING have been secured for Teachers' College, so that the weekly history of English nursing from the year 1888 is at the disposal of American nurse students, together with the twenty volumes of the *American Journal of Nursing*. We have returned the compliment by securing the eighty-four volumes for English nurses interested in the history of their profession. When those of us who have helped to make nursing history have passed away, the "silver lining" to our crimes may shine forth from bourgeois and brier. It was a very merciful judge who said, "I look for a silver lining to every crime before pronouncing judgment."

### RANK FOR SERVICE NURSES.

The Bill for the reorganisation of the United States Army, including rank for nurses, passed the Senate in April; and another Bill, on the same subject, has also passed the House, but neither of these Bills has passed the House and Senate. They have been referred to a Committee, and eventually will be reported back. Rank for Nurses in the United States has, therefore, not yet become law.

Canada still remains the only country which has accorded rank to its military nurses.

### ARMY SCHOOL OF NURSING.

It has been decided to put the Army School of Nursing on a permanent basis with the headquarters at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington. Rank for Service Nurses will necessitate the most efficient instruction by permanent specialists in the pay of the Army, in preparation for executive work in Army hospitals in times of peace and war.

### DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING.

The Johns Hopkins Nurses *Alumnae Magazine* publishes an excellent photograph of Miss Elizabeth G. Fox, one of its graduates, who after a brilliant Public Health Nursing career, has been appointed Director of Public Health Nursing, American

Red Cross. Don't forget the American Red Cross has a highly organised professional nursing department attached at Washington, of which Miss Clara F. Noyes, a great nurse leader, is director; so that first-class women are naturally promoted—as they should be—to fill all responsible professional positions.

### DRAMATIC IN THE EXTREME.

Heading her letter "Decoration Day in U.S.A., and holiday dating from Civil War Times, flowers to graves of military and all other dead," Miss L. L. Dock writes to the Editor:—

"DEAREST DYNAMO,—How wonderful! What a dream—like sensation of a living melodrama!! I really think your experience in making your long untiring pioneer search, and in seeing its results won, and in knowing yourself set upon the First Nursing Council, and in having public recognition brought to you in the very same house and room where the first quest was launched, so long ago—is very remarkable, is very unusual, and is dramatic in the extreme. Not least dramatic is the removal of Sir Henry Burdett at the very moment when, in a novel, or on the stage, he would depart. I hope in these words there is no malice towards the dead. I was just getting ready to forgive and forget all!!

"I venture to guess there were good things at that tea!"

Miss Dock loves our English teas. How we wish she would come across and take a "dish" of that delectable beverage with all her affectionate old friends!

### SAXIN.

Nurses who were afforded the privilege of visiting the exhibition held in connection with the meeting of the British Medical Association Meeting at Cambridge were specially interested in a graphic demonstration of the supreme sweetening power of "Saxin," described as "the sweetest thing on earth." A vase containing 400 lumps of sugar (a small fortune in itself nowadays!) was exhibited side by side with a tiny bottle of 200 "Tabloid" "Saxin" gr.  $\frac{1}{2}$ . As each  $\frac{1}{2}$ -grain "Tabloid" "Saxin" is equivalent to two ordinary sized lumps of the finest loaf-sugar, the contents of the large vase and the tiny bottle were equal in sweetening power. "Saxin" is harmless, and passes through the system unchanged.

### MEDICAL SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, LTD.

Matrons of hospitals and child welfare clinics, as well as individual nurses and midwives, will do well to note the very reasonable terms on which fitted maternity bags, scales for weighing infants, and other necessities in their work, are supplied by the Medical Supply Association, Ltd., 167-185, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C. 1. Its steam sterilizer for dressings is also widely used, and greatly approved.

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