

## Nurses of Note.

MRS. ISABEL HAMPTON ROBB.

*First President of the National Association of American Nurses.*

IN presenting a picture of Mrs. Hampton Robb, we feel sure that the accompanying information will be appreciated by those who take an interest in the progress and organisation of the profession of nursing.

Isabel Adams Hampton is a Canadian by birth, and, like so many of our countrywomen in British America who have attained prominence in the nursing world across the Atlantic, received her training at the "mother of training schools," the fine old Bellevue Hospital, in New York city. Her certificate won, Miss Hampton wisely came to Europe, where she studied the nursing question from its professional aspects, and gained experience in private nursing whilst wintering on the Riviera; later she was appointed Superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses at Chicago, having thus the nursing

of two large hospitals containing 1,000 beds—the Cooke County and the Presbyterian Hospitals—under her supervision. Here she did good pioneer work for some years, and resigned this important position, when requested to organise the nursing school in connection with the beautiful new Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore—a school which now leads the van of all nursing reform and progress in the United States.

In 1892 we had the great pleasure of visiting this school as Miss Hampton's guest, and still retain a

lively recollection of the three days spent in her charming and inspiring society. She had then just been selected as the Chairman of the Nursing Sub-section of the Charities Congress, to be held the following year, in conjunction with the World's Fair at Chicago, and it was during this delightful time that we exchanged views, and hopes, concerning the formation of the Society of American Superintendents of Training Schools—a scheme in which Miss Hamp-

ton was deeply interested, and which has since been inaugurated in the States and Canada on lines suggested by her—a society which has already done much to weld together the best interests of trained nurses in the States; one great outcome of which has been the formation last year of the National Association of American Nurses.

It is, therefore, eminently satisfactory that Mrs. Hampton Robb should have been un-animously selected by the delegates at the annual meeting of the National Association, as their first President, and we offer American nurses our warm congratulations that, inspired by the twin virtues of gratitude and loyalty, they have recognised the splendid work which Mrs. Robb has accomplished



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upon their behalf, and have acclaimed her their leader in word as well as deed.

Miss Isabel Hampton was married in England (for which ceremony Miss Florence Nightingale sent her a lovely bouquet), to Dr. Robb, of Cleveland, Ohio, since when she has resided in that lovely city, and is now the mother of a much-prized son, and it is therefore an additional matter for congratulation that she still continues her active interest in the organisation and progress of the profession which she adorns.

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