

reorganizing its Army Nursing Service on this just basis, and there is no doubt that sooner or later—the sooner the better—public opinion will demand the same reform in the British Army, Naval, and Indian Army, Nursing Departments. American women are again proving their sense of their public responsibilities by actively working to secure the passage of the Bill.

A Committee has been formed with this object, of which Mrs. Windthrop Cowden is chairman, Miss Laura D. Gill secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Ellen Foster, who has been for years President of the Woman's Republican Club, counsel. The members of the Executive Committee are Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, Hampton, Va.; Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, New-York City; Mrs. Amos G. Draper, Washington; Mrs. W. A. Osborn, New-York City; Miss Louise Lee Schuyler, New-York City; Mrs. Hunter Robb, President of the Associated Alumnae of Trained Nurses; Miss A. C. Maxwell, Superintendent of Nurses, Presbyterian Hospital, New-York City; Miss G. M. Nevins, Superintendent of Nurses, Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington; Mrs. L. W. Quintard, Director of Nurses, St. Luke's Hospital, New-York City; Miss Linda Richards, Superintendent of Nurses, University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia; Miss Irene Sutcliffe, Directress of Nurses, New-York Hospital; Miss Mary E. Wadley, graduate of Bellevue Hospital Training School; and Miss Ellen W. Wood, graduate of Johns Hopkins Training School, Baltimore.

With so representative and influential a Committee, and having regard to the excellent service rendered by the Red Cross nurses during the war with Spain, and the popular enthusiasm which has been aroused by their work, there can be little doubt that the passage of the Bill will be a speedy one.

Provisions of the Bill are that all nurses employed in the Army Hospital Service shall be graduates from hospital training schools, that a Superintendent shall be appointed at a salary of \$3,000, an Assistant at \$2,000, and that the nurses shall receive \$40 a month. The Bill also authorises that the number of women nurses employed shall be not less than one-half of one per cent. of men in the Army in time of war. The Bill has the approval of Surgeon-General Sternberg, a satisfactory tribute on the part of the Army Medical Department to the work of the nurses during the war, and indeed the action of the

United States Government in this matter at the present time, may be taken as a proof of its appreciation of the work of women nurses during the war. They have once again demonstrated that—given the opportunity—women can render service of the utmost public and national value, and it is to the credit of the American Government that it is ready to acknowledge and utilize such services. We hope that the excellent example set by the United States may be speedily followed by other nations.

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### Annotations.

#### IRISH WORKHOUSE REFORM.

THE Irish Workhouse Reform Association, which recently held its Annual Meeting at the Mansion House, Dublin, is to be congratulated on the work it has achieved during the past year. A contemporary characterizes the Irish Workhouse system as "a veritable Augean stable," and those best qualified to give an opinion will, we are confident, endorse this expression of opinion. The Irish Workhouse Reform Association has, therefore, not been started a day too soon; and, founding its work on a basis of humanity, combined with efficiency, it has, under the Presidency of Lord Mounteagle, tackled the difficult question of reform. Public opinion has been aroused and organised, Boards of Guardians stirred into activity, and Members of Parliament interested. Further, with the sanction and aid of the Roman Catholic Bishops, in some of the Southern Unions highly qualified nurses have been engaged, and are now training the nuns and organizing, in the place of the old pauper nurses, staffs of well-trained nurses and probationers. The value of the work done has impressed even Parliament, and—once more at the instance of the energetic Workhouse Reform Association—a clause has been introduced into the new Local Government Act, under which the Local Government Board is empowered to join with a District Council in paying half the salary of qualified nurses. The Association has, therefore, every reason to be satisfied with the work accomplished so far, and we trust that in the future it may effect other reforms of equal value.

#### HYGIENE FOR MISSIONARIES.

THE Livingstone College, Stratford, E., has taken up as its work the business of giving to missionaries some systematic instruction in the

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