

female nurses and the men who form the Hospital Corps, I appeal to the Surgeons we served under on the hospital ships, and in the camp hospitals during the last year, and to the men we nursed, as, to which they would rather have to care for them at such a time and under such circumstances."

WE sincerely hope that Congress will grant the nursing profession in America their wise and loyal desire, and that a trained nurse, and not a medical man, may be elected Chief of their Service. Any other arrangement is doomed to failure, and means endless disorganization and friction in the future.

WE learn with much pleasure that some of the American nurses who nursed the sick and wounded during the recent war with Spain are to be present at the International Congress of Women, to be held in London in June. They will be able to give valuable information to their British colleagues on this subject as, since the formation of our own Army Nursing Service, we have never had a big war. We are glad to be able to announce that the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland are arranging a Conference for one day in the Congress Week, when the members hope to hear from American nurses much that is of interest with regard to their recent experiences, and to discuss with them the best methods of Army Nursing on international lines.

THE Boston City Hospital, of which Miss Lucy L. Drown is Superintendent of Nurses, and Matron, has instituted a year's course of additional training for those of its nurses who can pass the required examination, and have the standing and executive ability necessary for the position of head nurse, or other positions requiring training and ability, in order to enable them to qualify for these positions. This year's training includes an additional course of class instruction, and special lectures on matters pertaining to hospital management, and upon the completion of this training successfully, a special diploma is given. We have been talking for some time in this country of the need for a special course of training for Sisters and Matrons, but while we have talked our American colleagues have acted.

ADDITIONAL accommodation for ninety-seven nurses has just been built in connection with the present Nurses' Home at the Boston Hospital. The building now affords the largest accommodation of any American Hospital, and no pains have been spared to provide every necessity and convenience.

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THE Nursing Sessions of the International Congress are to be held in the Council Chamber of the Westminster Town Hall on Friday the 30th of June next. They will be presided over by the Countess of Aberdeen, President of the International Council, and President of the Royal Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada, and Mrs. Creighton, the wife of the Bishop of London. Nurses may, therefore, congratulate themselves that they will have in the Chair ladies who are preeminently qualified to fill such an office.

THE programme accepted by the Committee of Arrangements falls under two heads: Training, and Organization. Under the former will be discussed "The Professional Training and Status of Nurses," and under the latter (a) "The Organization of Trained Nurses Alumnae Associations," and (b) "The Future Organization of the Nursing Profession." Eminent trained nurses from our colonies, Canada, the United States, and the Continent, have been invited to read Papers on these subjects, and open the Discussions, and it is also hoped that representatives of the nursing profession from all those countries where nursing is being evolved may be present to learn, and take part in the discussions. We are delighted to learn that so many Matrons from important country hospitals intend coming to London for the Congress Week. It will be an educational experience which is quite inestimable in value.

WE are glad to observe that Captain Norton, M.P., is still plying Mr. Wyndham with questions with regard to the training of Army Nurses. In reply to Captain Norton Mr. Wyndham said: "An Army nursing sister is required to have had three years' training in a civil hospital and six months' probation in the Army Nursing Service before her appointment is confirmed. A private of the Royal Army Medical Corps receives theoretical and practical instruction at the depot at Aldershot for about five months. He is then attached as a supernumerary to a large military hospital to learn practical nursing and ward work, and he remains

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