

Miss Clara Barton,
THE AMERICAN NIGHTINGALE.

It is good news that amongst the foremost women in the United States, who have been nominated by the American National Council of Women to attend the

International Congress in London, appears the name of Miss Clara Barton, and no woman would receive a warmer welcome in this country if she elects to attend. Miss Clara Barton is President of the American Red Cross Society. The German Empress, the Empress of Japan, and the Grand Duchess of Baden, being the three women similarly honoured in their own countries. In the States the history of the Red Cross is the history of Clara Barton, who has spent her life, her fortune, and her splendid talents in its service, and in the public service of her country. The Red Cross Society in the States, under the active Presidency of a woman, has played a magnificent part in the times of stress and storm, and in order to subscribe to the

great second article of the International Convention, "That Societies shall in time of peace keep themselves constantly prepared for war, thus securing permanency of organisation" the American Society was specially permitted to undertake work of relief in emergencies other than those of warfare. Thus in any great national calamity of floods, cyclones, fire, epidemic or,

earthquake, the society comes forward to pursue its noble mission of helping the sufferers. An enormous reserve of provisions and portable dwellings are kept in store, special trains can be instantly requisitioned, a staff of nurses and workers marshalled at once, and aid given without a moment's delay. Among the great calamities to which Miss Barton has thus given immediate and personal help, with her subordinates, were the great forest fires of Michigan, the terrible floods in the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys, and the fearful catastrophe in the Conemaugh Valley, when the very first train that arrived on the scene brought her, with all sorts of creature comforts, to the 3,000 families rendered homeless. During the outbreak of atrocities in Armenia, the American Red Cross Society was foremost in sending help and in mitigating the miseries under Turkish misrule.

Much has been written—and more will yet appear—of the terrible results of the disorganization of the Medical Department of the United States Army, in the late War; but one fact has been

unanimously

acknowledged, and that is that the work of the Red Cross Society, and the able and personal service given by Clara Barton, stands out as a magnificent movement of patriotism for all time. It is with great pleasure that we present to our readers a portrait of Miss Barton, as we feel sure that it will be of extreme interest to them.



MISS CLARA BARTON,
President of the Red Cross Society of the United States.

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