

**MISS SCOVIL.**

Miss SCOVIL, who has been appointed as reader of the paper upon the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada, at the Congress, received her training at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, U.S.A., one of the first training schools for nurses established in the United States.

After her graduation, she took charge for four years of the Infirmary at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, which holds much the same position in America as Eton does in this country. At the end of this time Miss Scovil was obliged, for family reasons, to relinquish her position, and when she resumed nursing work, it was as Superintendent of the Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island, which position she held for six years. Owing to a severe illness, she was then obliged to give up work for a time, and when able to undertake professional duties once more, she returned to St. Paul's School, where she is at present in charge of the Infirmary.

Miss Scovil is not only a professional nurse, but is also a lady of considerable literary ability, and a contributor to many journals. For the past nine years she has managed the mothers' department in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, a monthly publication which prints over 800,000 copies each month. She has also written several practical books: "The Art of Nursing," "A Baby's Requirements," "The Care of Children," and "Preparation for Motherhood." The last

three were written to meet the need evinced by the enormous correspondence connected with her magazine work.

Miss Scovil, whose portrait we have pleasure in publishing, is deeply interested in the Victorian Order of Nurses, which she has greatly aided to establish in St. John, New Brunswick, her native province. She is not herself a member of the Order, as although she was offered the post of

District Superintendent, it was considered that her health would not allow her to undertake the duties connected with it. Miss Scovil has, however, aided the work of the Order in other ways, and in May of last year read a most able paper before the fifth annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada, held at Ottawa, in which she explained the object of the Order, this being to bring skilled nursing within the reach not only of the poor of Canada, but of persons of moderate means also.

Miss Scovil is of opinion that the District Nurse does not re-

quire less, but more training than those whose work lies within the walls of an institution, or in the houses of the rich. "She finds amongst her patients an almost entire absence of the appliances usually considered indispensable to the proper care of the sick. If her ingenuity does not enable her to contrive tolerable substitutes for these, her work cannot be done, and her patients suffer, so that her inventive faculty will be largely requisitioned."



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