

MISS LAVINA L. DOCK.

THE name of Miss Lavinia Dock is so well known to our readers, both as the Hon. Secretary of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, the author of a *Materia Medica*, and as the contributor to the *NURSING RECORD* of the paper on "The Nurses' Settlement in New York," which aroused much attention at the beginning of this year, that it is not one of the least pleasures to the nurses attending the Congress to make the personal acquaintance of a colleague already so well known to them by repute. It is, moreover, an especial gratification to the members of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, of which Miss Dock is an Hon. Member, that she is able to be present in London at this time to receive in person from the Chairman the Badge of the Society which has, by the unanimous vote of the Council, been awarded to the Hon. Members. Miss Dock, like so many of her colleagues who have made their mark in the nursing world in the United States, graduated at the Belle Vue Hospital, a school of which its graduates may well be proud as their Alma Mater. After her graduation, in 1886, Miss Dock was appointed Night Superintendent at the Belle Vue Hospital, a position which she held for a year.

She then acted for three years as Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at the Johns Hopkins' Hospital, Baltimore, when she was appointed to the important position of Superintendent of the Illinois Training School, Chicago. During her tenure of office, and owing to her representations, the Board of the School consented to raise the period of training of nurses from two years to three, and though the arrangement did not actually come into force until a year later, yet it is to Miss Dock that this reform is due.

Besides hospital work Miss Dock has seen service in times of emergency, as she nursed in the South during a yellow fever epidemic under Miss Clara Barton, and in Johnstown at the time of the great flood also with Miss Barton, and during the past year she gave her services for a month to the Red Cross Military Hospital.

For several years Miss Dock has done district nursing work, and is at present a resident of the Nurses' Settlement, New York. We should advise all our readers to read her most interesting article on this Settlement, which appeared in our issue of January 7th this year, if they have not already done so.

Lastly, a *Materia Medica* for the use of nurses, compiled by Miss Dock, is in general use in the Training Schools of the United States. It will, therefore, be recognized that her nursing career has been one of considerable distinction.

The Nursing Sessions.

The Nursing Sessions will be held in the Council Chamber, Westminster Town Hall, on Friday, June 30th.

MORNING SESSION.

10.30 a.m. Mrs. May Wright Sewall presiding.

Paper 1.—"The Professional Training and Status of Nurses." By Mrs. Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Asylums, New Zealand. "State Registration." By Miss M. H. Watkins, State Registered Nurse, Cape Colony.

Opener of Discussion: Miss Lavinia L. Dock, Hon. Sec. of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses.

Paper 2.—"Naval and Military Nursing." By Mrs. Quintard, Superintendent of Nurses, St. Luke's Hospital, New York, Superintendent of Nursing at Camp Wikoff, late Hispano-American War. "A Volunteer Corps of Nurses." By Mrs. Norrie, Delegate, National Council of Denmark.

Opener of Discussion: Captain Norton, M.P.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.30—4.30. The Countess of Aberdeen presiding.

Paper 3.—"The Organization of Trained Nurses' Alumnae Associations." By Mrs. Hampton Robb, President of the National Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada.

To be read by Miss Lucy Walker, Superintendent of Nurses, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.

Opener of Discussion: Miss Agnes Snively, Lady Superintendent, General Hospital, Toronto.

Paper 4.—"Nursing Organizations: the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada." By Miss Scovil.

Opener of Discussion: Professor Osler, Johns Hopkins' University, Baltimore.

Admittance to each Session 1s. to non-members of the Congress.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce that owing to family matters Mrs. Hampton-Robb is unable to attend the International Congress. She has, therefore, sent her Paper by Miss Lucy Walker, Superintendent of Nurses at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, who, in accordance with Mrs. Robb's wish, will read it at the Nursing Session. Mrs. Robb says: "I know no one who is better able to discuss the question of Trained Nurses' Alumnae Associations than Miss Walker, and she will be able to tell you all I could in a much better way."

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