

In Memoriam.

At the Memorial Service held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday afternoon, for those who have fallen in the present war, the following Litany, composed by Bishop Hamilton, of Salisbury, during the Crimean War, was said:—

O Lord God of Hosts, by whose permission nation riseth against nation, Who usest their swords for Thy judgments, and at Thy will makest wars to cease:—purify us, we humbly pray Thee, from all sin in our share of this present strife, bring it speedily, if it please Thee, to a right and lasting peace; and meanwhile:

For those who fight—that Thou wouldst give them protection and true courage in danger, and mercy in victory;

Hear us, good Lord:

For those who suffer—the sick and such as are in captivity, the wounded, the dying, the mourners—that Thou wouldst be with them for support and comfort;

Hear us, good Lord:

For those who are gone forth to minister to the suffering—to their souls and bodies—that Thou wouldst grant them endurance and patient watching with skill and gentleness, to the healing of pain and sorrow;

Hear us, good Lord:

For all who are slain in battle—that Thou wouldst receive their souls into Thy Peace, and deal with them according to the multitude of Thy mercies;

Hear us, good Lord.

And if it may be, O our God! over-rule, we beseech Thee, all these things to the blessed issue, beyond mere earthly peace, of restored brotherhood among nations, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the re-union of Christendom in one faith and love. All this we ask, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Military Honours.

SISTER BARBARA MILNE, of the Army Nursing Service, who recently died in the Garrison Hospital, Colchester, was buried with full military honours. The remains were borne upon a gun-carriage, headed by the band of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, playing solemn music. The coffin was covered with a Union Jack, and many lovely wreaths from General Abadie, C.B., Colonel Maturin, R.A.M.C., and the nurses and patients at the hospital. The general and staff officers and 9th Bearer Company, R.A.M.C., formed part of the procession to the cemetery.

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SOME OF THE LESSONS OF THE LATE WAR AND THEIR BEARING UPON TRAINED NURSING.

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BUT not receiving any reply, and believing that a personal interview explaining the number and standing of these nurses would result in the acceptance of their services, the President and Vice-President of the Association went down to Washington and had a personal interview with the Surgeon-General. But their mission was a failure as they were told that the nursing department had been given into the charge of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with a woman doctor as director. Visions of what splendid systematic work might be done if the nursing might only be in the hands of the nurses themselves, supplemented by the extra supplies so generously provided by the D.A.R., the Red Cross, and other Societies floated before us, but it was not to be. The story of the summer's campaign is familiar to many of us. The chaos and confusion that reigned supreme at first owing to the suddenness and greatness of the emergency was intensified and prolonged by the lack of experience on the part of those into whose hands the work was entrusted. This and the appointments made from all the varieties of women mentioned above resulted in much bad nursing, a worse morale, and in a total lack of standard or system. How long such a condition would have continued to exist is hard to say had not the situation been saved by the assistance and admirable work rendered by the Red Cross Auxiliary No. 3.

A brief word in explanation of these Red Cross Auxiliaries. They did not form a permanent part of the American National Red Cross Society but were made up of a number of patriotic men and women who organized for the purpose of raising funds to assist the Government in any way they might, in relieving the needs and suffering of the sick soldiers. That they might do this the more effectually they offered themselves as Auxiliaries to the Red Cross Society already in the field. After the emergency of the war was over they disbanded. Auxiliary No. 3 was organized for the express purpose of "supplying and maintaining trained nurses in army hospitals." Too much cannot be said in praise of the work they accomplished, hampered as they were by being only auxiliaries and not the controlling head. It was through this Auxiliary that the best nursing was done; they put themselves at once in touch with

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