

A Well-deserved Honour.

THE story is told that, in a city of France, its soldiers were once drawn up on the city plaza. The Governor-General called out to the front a woman in the habit of a Sister of Charity, and, before the assembled soldiers, said:—

"Mother Mary Teresa, when you were twenty years of age you received a wound from a cannon-ball whilst assisting one of the wounded on the field of Balaklava. In 1859 the shell from a mitrailleuse laid you prostrate in the front ranks on the battle-field of Magenta. Since then you have been in Syria, in China, and in Mexico, and if you were not wounded it was not because you have not exposed yourself.

"In 1870 you were taken up in Reischoffen, covered with many sabre-wounds. Such deeds of heroism you have crowned a few weeks ago with one of the most heroic actions which history records. A grenade fell upon the ambulance which was under your charge—you took up the grenade in your arms; you smiled upon the wounded who looked at you with feelings of dismay; you carried it a distance of eighty meters. On laying it down you noticed that it was going to burst; you threw yourself on the ground; it burst; you were seen covered with blood; but when persons came to your assistance you rose up smiling as is your wont. You were scarcely recovered from your wound when you returned to the hospital whence I have now summoned you." Then the General made her kneel down, and, drawing his sword, touched her lightly on the shoulder, and pinned the Cross of the Legion of Honour on her habit, saying:—

"I put upon you the cross of the brave, in the name of the French people and army. No one has gained it by more deeds of heroism, nor by a life so completely spent in self-abnegation for the benefit of your brothers and the service of your country. Soldiers, present arms!"

The troops saluted, the drums and bugles rang out, the air was filled with loud acclamations, and all was jubilation and excitement as Mother Teresa arose, her face suffused with blushes, and asked:—

"General, are you done?"

"Yes," said he.

"Then I will go back to the hospital."

This touching story demonstrates the courage of women, and their right to render service to the sick and wounded in war—not merely at the base, but in the front. We could wish that we were told further details of Mother Teresa's heroic achievements, which, doubtless, took place during the Franco-Prussian War. And we should like to know if she is still in the hospital, discharging the duties of the "trivial round"?

Nursing Organization.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL.

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WITH the report which we publish below of Teachers' College, Columbia University, is concluded the very interesting record of the year's work of the Johns Hopkins Alumnae. We offer our hearty congratulations to the Association on the amount achieved.

TEACHERS' COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS.

Since its organization in 1893, the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools has given much thought and work to the improvement of conditions for the pupils and to the enlargement of opportunities for the graduate nurse. The Society has worked to secure shorter hours, better instruction, and for the prevention of the work of the pupil nurse outside of the hospital, as well as for the better management of Directories, Nurses' Clubs, and the opening up of new avenues of work for the graduate. It has worked for the formation of Alumnae Associations, and the Associated Alumnae, our National Association, was organized through its efforts.

One of the primary objects of the Society was that of furthering the best interests of the nursing profession by establishing and maintaining a universal standard of training. Toward that end a very practical and important step has now been taken. The course of instruction in Hospital Economics just established at Teachers' College, Columbia University, N. Y., opens up for the first time the possibility of introducing through those who have been similarly taught, some uniformity in the curriculum, and in the methods of the work of general Training School.

To this advanced course of study for those who wish to do institutional work the interest and attention of our Alumnae are particularly directed. We have a peculiar interest in this course, inasmuch as in its conception, and largely in its elaboration and fulfilment, it is the work of our first Superintendent, the organizer of our school and the founder of our Alumnae Association. In its successful carrying out we should spare no effort which might prove helpful.

Summed up briefly, this course of instruction offers under the best possible conditions instruction in the following subjects:

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