

The American Nursing World.

Dr. Anita Newcombe McGee, whose good work at Washington as Head of the Army Nurse Corps, was evinced during her term of office, has recently been the recipient of a testimonial of appreciation and affection from the members of the Corps, through the present Superintendent, Mrs. Dita H. Kinney. It consisted of one of the finest grade American gold watches, of the highest finish. Across the front cover was engraved "A. N. McG.," and on the reverse side the Army Nurse Corps Badge, with "A. N. C., 1901." Inside the cover the words "In loving remembrance" were engraved. The chain which accompanied it was of fine filagree twisted gold wire, connecting at intervals of about six inches, topaz hearts set in a little rim of gold, to symbolise the affection of the givers. The gift was enclosed in a beautiful case lined with white velvet, decorated with gold, and bore Dr. Anita McGee's name and the date of presentation outside.

A letter expressing in charming language cordial appreciation of the tasteful testimonial has been received by Mrs. Kinney, in which Dr. McGee writes, "This beautiful watch will be a daily reminder of the busy days, full more of pleasure than of disappointments, which I have spent in the service of the Army Nurses, and its chain of kindred hearts seems to bring a special message from each of my dear friends in our home ports, in Cuba, in the Philippines, in China, and Japan."

The Spanish American War Nurses, of which Dr. McGee is President, have decided to hold their Annual Meeting in Buffalo, on September 16th and 17th. The change from Washington to Buffalo, as the place of meeting, has been decided on by the officers at the request of many members, who wish to attend the Nurses' Congress which opens on the following day.

The Alumnae Association of the New York City Training School for Nurses are preparing a welcome worthy of the occasion for Miss Margaret C. McDonald, one of their number, when she returns from South Africa. During the war Miss McDonald, who was at the front, was wounded while assisting in surgical work in the firing line. She was hit in the shoulder by a piece of shell, but stood at her post until the operation which was being performed was over. She was also the first woman to enter Kimberley after its relief.

The address of the officers of the Congress, and also of the members of the International Council of Nurses from September 14th to 21st, will be The Castle Inn, Niagara Square, Buffalo. This charming old hotel is most conveniently situated close to the Hall in which the Congress Meetings are to be held.

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On Thursday, 22nd, Cape Town was *en fête* owing to the Royal visit, when the Duchess of Cornwall laid the foundation stone of a fine new Nurses' Home.

When the first lot of invalided soldiers from South Africa left Cape Town for home, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll placed at the disposal of the War Office the portion of Roseneath House which had been specially built for her own private use, and the offer was accepted. Her Royal Highness not only offered to provide accommodation for about twenty soldiers at the same time, but also intimated that she would, at her own cost, provide food and medical attendance. Since the first invalids arrived there have been eighty-two soldiers of all ranks in Roseneath House.

The Irishwomen's Memorial to Queen Victoria, the endowment fund of the Jubilee Institute for Nurses, is being taken up keenly in Ireland. There are now nearly a thousand Queen's nurses at work in the homes of the poor; of these about eighty are employed in Ireland.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Mollett, Miss S. Cartwright, and Miss F. Whitley (Sister Martha St. Bartholomew's), left London on Thursday en route for Canada. They left Liverpool in the *Parisian*, and will land at Montreal on September 7th. Miss Isla Stewart and Miss Waind left for New York on the same day.

Mrs. Strong, the Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, has accepted the invitation of the American Committee to be present at the Congress, and will read a Paper on "The Preparatory Instruction of Nurses." Mrs. Strong was the pioneer of preparatory education for nurses, and instituted a Preliminary Course of instruction for probationers at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary as far back as 1893.

Miss Christina Couch, late of King's and Gordon House, is just now home on a visit, after six years' varied and most interesting work in South

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