

Nurses of Note.

Mrs. HAMPTON ROBB, R.N.

First President of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States.

One of the most notable and honoured members of the International Congress of Nurses is Mrs. Hampton Robb, to whose wise foresight and initiative the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, primarily owe the foundation of their organisations. It is these two Societies which together form the American Federation of Nurses, the National Council of Nurses in the United States, which has chosen Mrs. Hampton Robb as one of its delegates.

Mrs. Hampton Robb is a Canadian by birth, but, as Isabel Hampton, received her professional training at the Bellevue Hospital, New York. Having gained her certificate she came to Europe where she studied the nursing question from its professional aspect. After her return to

America she was appointed Superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses at Chicago, a school which undertakes the nursing of two great hospitals containing 1,000 beds—the Cooke County and the Presbyterian. She only resigned this important position in 1889 in order to accept the invitation to organise the

Nursing School of the beautiful Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, a school which ever since has been in the van of nursing reform and progress. The secret of Miss Hampton's success was probably her belief in the power of those working under her to do good work, and the *Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine* records that hers "was the master hand, but she had the co-operation and help of those about her and the loyal support and ardent, faithful

work of the women she chose, to make with her the traditions of the training school." It is this wise selection of subordinates which marks out the born organiser.

As the Superintendent of a training school Mrs. Robb was an unqualified success, but, it is as the leader of organisation in the profession as a whole, in the United States, that her name will ever be held in honour. This was recognised by the nurses when they elected her the first President of their Associated Alumnae, and a similar honour has been conferred upon her by the American Society of Superintendents of Training



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Schools for Nurses. Miss Hampton was married in England to Dr. Hunter Robb, of Cleveland, Ohio, when the lovely bouquet which she carried was sent to her by Miss Florence Nightingale. Her chief contributions to Nursing Literature have been "Nursing: Its Principles and Practice," and "Nursing Ethics."

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