

not possible to have a Government District Nursing Service—we are doing real national work in preventing sickness—pensioned, as other Government nurses are? I read with indignation Mr. Bruxner's very discourteous letters, which proves how contemptuously he regards trained nurses. . . . We need and deserve a pension."

The Glenkens District Nursing Association, in the Stewartry, have decided to engage a "Queen's" Nurse, at a cost of about £110 a year.

The "factory nurse" was a happy American idea which has found favour in England. Trained nurses are now at work in connection with several important manufactories. Quite recently Messrs. S. Courtauld, Halstead, Essex, silk manufacturers, have appointed a qualified nurse, Miss Butler, to study the welfare of the workpeople and the conditions under which they work. A dispensary, consulting-room, and office are to be built for her. Miss Butler will distribute the firm's charities, establish a library, and organise the boot club and other clubs. The factory dining-hall, established twenty years ago, and open soon after five in the morning to supply coffee at a farthing a cup, is to be reorganised so as to give a service of breakfasts and dinners at a cheap rate.

The third and fourth volumes of "A History of Nursing," now in the press, will be published by Putnam's Sons early in the New Year. All the work of editing the contributions has been done by Miss L. L. Dock, who has gathered the material from all over the world, harmonized it, and prepared it for the printer. Miss Dock, with her usual generosity to the nursing profession, is to receive absolutely no financial returns, these being turned over to the treasurer of the International Council of Nurses. No nurses' library can be considered complete unless the four volumes of this great work are to be found on its shelves. The history of the nursing profession to date will thus be at the disposal of every nurse, and those who would honour their cloth should acquaint themselves with it.

The Christmas number of the *American Journal of Nursing* contains as usual many interesting papers. That on the Army Nurse Corps, by the present Superintendent, Miss Isabel McIsaac, R.N., is illustrated by pictures of charming Nurses' Homes. That of the quarters at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, shows a most picturesque building. The galleries have many vines growing over them, shrubs and

flowers completely surround the house, a small pergola occupies a corner of the lawn, and a corral for the nurses' saddle-horses has been built in the rear. The house stands quite alone, and gives a superb view of the mountains from every window, or rather from every door, because all of the windows on the galleries are French, which allow the beds to be rolled out for sleeping. In fact, the entire staff of nurses at Fort Bayard sleeps out of doors. Riding is the chief amusement of the nurses at this station, the corral containing a dozen of the typical ponies peculiar to the south-west. "The sight of the group of nurses galloping over the hills makes one wish," writes Miss McIsaac, "that every city-bound nurse in the land might join them long enough to have all the city air blown out of her lungs."

Many friends will be pleased to hear news of Miss Snively. She is now home again in Toronto, and busy, as usual, with good works. Amongst her interesting activities we find her teaching a Sunday class of Chinese. One morning weekly is given up to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, of which she is a member. Membership of the Women's Canadian Club, the Historical Society, the Social Service Club of the Toronto General Hospital, and study, keep Miss Snively from having much time to spare. She is, of course, a member of the most influential nurses' societies in Canada, and we are not surprised to learn that she is being called upon to address graduating classes of nurses out of her ripe experience.

The *Johns Hopkins Nurses Alumnae Magazine* has a delightful report of the International Meeting at Cologne, which ends with the writer's impressions. She says:—The impressions straight through the Congress were of great enthusiasm, cordiality, and UNITY, with a strong undercurrent of growing energy, vitality, and a gathering sense of power. The Congress marked, in fact, a strong, genuine impulse forward in our work, and showed also within our ranks "peace, harmony, and concord."

THE RETURN OF MISS BRODRICK.

We are pleased to know that Miss Albinia Brodrick is home again in Kerry, having spent a most enjoyable and instructive time across the Atlantic, and that she will contribute her "Impressions on Nursing in the United States" to this journal at an early date.

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