

NURSING ECHOES.

During our recent visit to France we noted that Americans were beginning to be everywhere in evidence. In Paris the slim, upright young soldiers looked as if they had come out of a handbox, and their tight, pocketless uniforms were "very elegant," but did not strike one as altogether workmanlike, and, indeed, we heard that the British "cut," with plenty of room and pockets, might be adopted for the trenches. Everywhere one caught glimpses of American nurses, whose uniform

other "leaders," was the "Open Sesame" to further chat. The American Nurses' Association has a membership of 30,000 self-governing diplomaed nurses, who have since 1901 influenced the State Legislature to pass 46 Registration Bills. There is no monopoly of nursing affairs in the States. The Superintendents and Nurses have their free National Associations—their great College of Nursing in New York is free from pressure, and the Boards of Examiners which carry out the edicts of the State Registration Acts are professional Bodies, usually nominated by the



A PARTY OF AMERICAN MILITARY NURSES VISITING THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

is well known—a well-cut, sensible suit of dark blue, the cloak lined with crimson satin, and a velours hat. Those one met in Paris were evidently out for a good time, and by that we mean they appeared to enjoy French fare, still deliciously served, especially in the Italian restaurants—and to be out to see "all Paris."

En passant, to greet these bright young women and enquire "From the States?" and to hear the reply "Why, yes," and then to mention the names of Miss Adelaide Nutting, Miss Goodrich, Miss Dock, Miss Delano, and

State Associations of Nurses. Thus there is no concentration of power in the hands of any one organization—as proposed for this country by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which practically proposes to control the education, discipline, and finances of the whole profession in the United Kingdom, through a Council under the economic control of the lay Governors of the Nurse Training Schools. A pretty programme in these democratic days!

The American Red Cross Society is very

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