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A SILVER LINING.

Usually in the darkest hour we can glimpse a silver lining behind the clouds. Thus, having carefully studied the Nurses Act which became law on April 22nd, 1943, and realised its demoralising effect on the standard of Nursing Education and human liberty in England, we read the following letter from our colleagues in the United States of America with a thrill of delight, and realised that nothing of worth is ever lost excepting through our own default.

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My dear Mrs. Fenwick,

This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the National League of Nursing Education, and an Anniversary Program is being planned for the 1943 Annual Convention which will be held in Chicago, the place of our birth, on June 15th, 16th and 17th.

We wish so very much that you could meet with us for this occasion but know that under the present circumstances that will, of course, be impossible. We hope, however, that we may have a message from you to be read at one of our sessions. The birth of our organisation came about largely through your vision and initiative in providing for a Nursing Section as part of the Congress of Charities, Corrections and Philanthropy, held in Chicago in 1893, and so, as one of the founders of our organisation as well as one of our honorary members, the membership of the National League of Nursing Education will be extremely happy and very proud to hear from you as we pause for a few days in the midst of this critical period to review how far we have fulfilled the dreams of our founders, and to consider our responsibilities with relation to the future.

With deepest appreciation of the inspiration which you have given us over the years, and with affectionate greetings to you and our nursing sisters in England.

Very cordially yours,

NELLIE X. HAWKINSON,
Chairman, Program Committee.

(The National League of Nursing Education Functions as the Department of Education of the
American Nurses' Association.)

As the representative of Nursing on the Women's Committee of the British Royal Commission to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, held to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of Christopher Columbus, Discoverer, in America, we paid two visits to Chicago in six months, the first to interview the Board of Lady Managers of the Women's Building—when we also went to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, as the guest of, the then Miss Isabel Hampton, and where we met Miss Lavinia Dock, and together evolved far-reaching schemes for the evolution of international nursing co-operation for the uplift

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