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to such accomplished hands. But, at the same time, it is impossible to forget that the United States is separate and distinct from the British Empire; and all who desire, on broad grounds of policy, to see every component part of the magnificent collection of nations, which are embraced under the British flag, firmly confederated together, must regret to find any section or class, in any part of that Empire, being persuaded, if not almost impelled, to cast in their lot with their fellowworkers living under another form of government, and, nominally at least, belonging to another nation.

It has been for long our hope, and we have spared personally no efforts to secure its attainment, that Nurses in every part of the British Empire should be united together in one homogeneous corporate body-the Royal British Nurses' Association. All who desire the true greatness, the most absolute stability, of our Empire, must wish that its women should take a prominent part in uniting together, from all the Colonies and Dominions under the British Crown, to work for common purposes and their common welfare. We have witnessed, with the greatest pleasure, the growth of such a movement in the formation of the National Councils of Women in the different Colonies, feeling sure that the day would inevitably come when they would all be welded together in one central Imperial organisation. So, in like manner, we have hoped to see, and indeed have worked to secure, that Canadian, Australian, and South African Nurses should be united with their sisters in the United Kingdom as fellowmembers of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We believe that this step, it it could have been taken, would have been fraught with benefit alike to the Nursing profession and to the whole Empire; and we felt that it was meet and right that such a grand combination should take place under the headship of a daughter of our revered Queen.

We have done what we could to bring about that consummation. The fact that it seems to have failed already, in the case of Canadian Nurses, and that, from our advices, it appears only too likely to fail in the cases of Nurses in Australasia, is no fault of ours; but the fault is a heavy one, and it rests, as our correspondent shows, upon the shoulders of those who have so mismanaged the Royal British Nurses' Association as to detract from the

high reputation which it won in its earlier years, and to tarnish the prestige conferred upon it by its Royal Charter. It is but natural that our compatriots in Greater Britain should feel themselves unable to join an association which can be so utterly mismanaged as the Royal British Nurses' Association has been; which permits its affairs to be so extravagantly administered that its expenditure vastly exceeds its income, and that is, therefore, plunged deeply into debt; which permits its members to be deprived of the rights conferred upon them by Her Majesty the Queen in Council; which permits its officials to violate the Charter and Byelaws; and which compels members who desire to retain their rights to defend themselves against injustice in the Courts of Law.

As will be seen, in another column this . week, for the second time the protection of the law has been thus invoked by a member of the Association. That it has, a second time, been invoked successfully is proof positive that the injury complained of has been committed. We earnestly hope that better counsels will now prevail; that those who have attempted to manage the Association for the last two years, and who have failed with such disastrous results to the Association and such discredit to themselves, will see that it is incumbent upon them to relinquish their efforts. If they would do so, peace and harmony would undoubtedly be again established; the Association would once more, we believe, recover its former good name. And we would fain venture to hope that our fellow Nurses in Australasia and Africa would then become, with those in the United Kingdom," one united Sisterhood of Mercy; and that in future it might even be possible to draw our Canadian sisters into the same combination; even if it were too much to hope that the Nurses in the United States would also join us, so that we might have an Anglo-Saxon Confederation of Nurses, working all together for the highest aims to which women can devote their lives, for the help and good of humanity and for the relief of sickness and suffering.

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