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Editorial.

RETROSPECT OF THE YEAR.

ACCORDING to our usual custom, we propose in this our last number for 1899 to review briefly its chief nursing events. In recalling nursing affairs during the past year, the first point worthy of note is, no doubt, that it has been much more hopeful than those which have preceded it. There are definite signs that, in many countries, there is a movement towards combined action amongst the nurses themselves, and this is a most inspiring fact. The most important event of the year, in this country, has been the Nursing Conference held in connection with the International Congress of Women, the result of which was to prove, beyond doubt, that the greatest unanimity of feeling prevails amongst nurses of diverse nations on the most important questions affecting the nursing profession, such as the establishment of a course of preliminary training, a uniform curriculum, and an independent and central examination followed by the logical result of State Registration. There were present at the Congress eminent nurses from the United States, from Canada, Cape Colony, New Zealand, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, and Egypt, and amongst them there was complete

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