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Editorial.

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

THE appearance of a new nursing journal this month, hailing from the United States, and edited by nurses for nurses, is a most satisfactory and important event in the nursing world; satisfactory, because its appearance proves that the American Matrons and graduate nurses feel their need of a journal which is definitely their own official organ; and important, because the names of the editorial committee are a guarantee of its representative character. They include those of such honoured leaders of nursing work and thought as Mrs. Hunter Robb, formerly Superintendent of Nursing at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, whose book "Nursing, its Principle and Practice," is a classic in this country; Miss Isabel McIsaac, Superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago; Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses; Miss L. L. Drown, Superintendent of Nursing at the Boston City Hospital; Miss S. F. Palmer, Rochester City Hospital; and many other leading American Matrons and Nurses. Such a strong editorial committee cannot fail to be a guarantee of the professional worth of the journal, and we consider

its success is assured. As the only trained nurse editing a nursing journal in this country, we welcome the new arrival with the heartiest and sincerest feelings of pleasure. We believe that the day has gone past for nurses to be catered for in their professional literature by members of other professions, or by laymen in search of remunerative investments. Nursing is now so highly specialized a calling that its concerns can only be adequately dealt with by those whose experience qualifies them to form an opinion on professional matters. A medical journal with a non-medical editor would not be received with enthusiasm by medical practitioners, its opinions would be ignored, and its conclusions discounted. In the same way, it is apparent that a nursing journal to be of professional value must be edited by one who is practically acquainted with the needs and aspirations of trained nurses. We therefore congratulate our American colleagues most sincerely on their new venture, and feel sure that in this country, as well as in the United States, their journal will be valued, and that it will do good work in educating nursing opinion. In their conception of public duty, American nurses have undoubtedly advanced further than the majority of their fellow-workers on this side of the Atlantic.

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