

Editorial.

NURSING ORGANIZATION IN AUSTRALIA.

N interesting statement was recently made by the President of the Victorian Trained Nurses' Association to the effect that the Association was arranging for the attainment of an accepted standard of education for nurses throughout Victoria. The proper training of nurses was a safeguard not only to the public and the patients, but also to the nurses themselves. The Victorian Trained Nurses' Association had registered 350 nurses, and was in reciprocal relations with the Sydney Association. The two bodies were recognized throughout the Commonwealth, and had decided on a scheme of education for nurses. The course of training comprised a three years' curriculum in hospitals of which the Matrons were registered, and a systematic course of lectures. Almost all the general hospitals had agreed to that course, and had appointed a conjoint Board of examiners. This is very satisfactory, and shows that real progress towards a uniform standard of nursing education has been made in Australia. The value of combination is thus plainly

demonstrated, and Australian nurses have an especially bright future before them with regard to professional organisation, because as the women of the Commonwealth are now enfranchised, they will be able to approach their Parliamentary representatives confident of an attentive hearing.

Thus we have the United States making definite steps towards uniformity, Australia showing that it contemplates not only uniformity of education, but also of examination. Surely it is time that Great Britain turned its attention to the same points if 'it means to maintain the position in the nursing world it has hitherto occupied. We must look to our laurels, and further we must discuss a plan of action, and present a united front to the world if we do not wish to be left behind.

The outlook is not without encouragement, and we believe that the hope of the future lies in the Leagues of graduate nurses which slowly and surely are developing in our midst. In them is gathered up the consensus of opinion of the graduates of the training schools, and when these Leagues join hands they will voice the united feeling of the graduate nurses throughout the land.



