

increasing support. Indeed, from 1894 for some eight years, these conditions continued to exist, and thousands of pounds were spent, not only in fighting the registration cause in England, but in circulating the Journal throughout other countries, and so arousing public and professional knowledge and interest in the environment, education, and status of nurses.

But those who have the courage to fight for a good Cause are confident of ultimate victory, and the *Nursing Record* has had the proud satisfaction of seeing the co-operation of nurses in many countries, followed by useful legislation, and a most beneficent change in public opinion in everything which touches the education and status of trained nurses in England. A Select Committee of the House of Commons was reported in favour of the Registration of Nurses by the State, a weighty pronouncement which has received the almost unanimous support of the British Medical Association. It has also watched with keen gratification the growth of the professional nursing press in the United States, the great British Colonies, and in several European countries.

The natural result of a constantly increasing circulation at home and abroad, and an increasing circle of advertisers, having at last rendered the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING first self-supporting, and then a paying property, and the great cause, the Organisation and Registration of the Nursing Profession having come within sight of success, the most important step in its history was last year taken by the proprietors.

A proprietary Journal had never been Mrs. Fenwick's ideal for the organ of British Nurses, and in 1906 "The Nursing Press, Ltd.," was formed, through the medium of which shares in the Journal were offered to nurses in sympathy with its policy. By this means it is possible that it should gradually be acquired by the nurses of the United Kingdom as their own property, and thus belong to them in perpetuity. It is to be hoped that future generations of nurses will appreciate the immense sacrifices by which their Journal has been preserved to them.

THE BRITISH NURSING PRESS.

For many years the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING was the only journal in the United Kingdom edited by a professional nurse, and it remains to this day the only weekly organ trained nurses have in the press.

But the foundation of the Leagues of Nurses in England has given a great stimulus to nursing literature. Quite a number of these societies now issue magazines which are

admirably written, edited, and printed. We have *League News*, the Journal of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, *St. John's House News*, and the *League Journals* of the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses, the Leicester Infirmary Nurses, the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses, the Kingston Infirmary Nurses, the Royal South Hants Hospital Nurses, and the Parish of Nottingham Nurses. The *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*, the organ of the Nurses of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, is an attractive and excellent magazine, and the last addition to our professional journals, *The Irish Trained Nurse and Hospital Review*, in its first issue announced that it was edited, owned, and published by Nurses for Nurses.

THE MORAL.

The lessons, then, which the history of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—briefly and imperfectly as I have sketched it—appear to me to teach, are surely of the highest interest and importance to the nursing profession. It proves the immense value of a weekly journal, voicing the opinions, the rightful aspirations, the just demands, the expert judgments of a great body of professional women; it shows how powerless nurses would have been in the past, and would be in the future, if they did not possess such a Journal; and it emphasises the far-sightedness and wisdom which has afforded the nurses of the future the opportunity of acquiring an established property which will, I hope, for all future time, stand as it has stood, for justice and self-government for trained nurses, so that they may develop their noble work for the health and happiness of humanity.

"Une Résurrection Morale."

Miss M. Amy Turton writes from Italy:—"I have just received a note from the friend I mentioned in the first paper, as cured by Dr. Dubois, of neurasthenic melancholia—she has cardiac insufficiency—*real*, and has been suffering from all its orthodox symptoms of œdema, dyspnoea, etc., but the melancholia has gone, and stays away through all these organic sufferings. She bears all with philosophy and patience, her sister writes, '*c'est une résurrection morale.*'" Miss Turton asks if the Dubois treatment (it is also Déjerine's—Salpêtrière) is being carried out in London, as it is at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. We have received no report that it is, and fear the British male temperament is seldom associated with moral suasion.

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