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EDITORIAL.

THE NEW YEAR

This issue of the JOURNAL carries with it the greetings of the Editor to all its readers, at home and abroad, for a Happy New Year—one in which the desolation, the agony, the sorrow of the past four years shall bear fruit in a solid peace for the Nations of the world, broad based upon the people's will, and, in an era of social reform—in which the welfare of the people will have prominent consideration in the Government programme. We hope for the introduction of legislation to ensure sanitary homes, and care for the health of the community from infancy to old age under a Ministry of Health Bill; a living wage, and education which shall give to all classes a chance in life.

For the members of the nursing profession in the United Kingdom we hope the New Year may bring them at last a just measure for their State Registration which will give them adequate powers of self-government under an independent governing body appointed under the authority of the State.

THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE.

The great events of last week were the sweeping majority at the polls which sends the Prime Minister to the Peace Conference with the mandate of the country behind him, and the visit of the President of the United States of America to this country as the guest of the King and Queen, and as expressing the spirit and purpose of the American people, to confer with the statesmen of the Allied countries.

At the historic State Banquet at Buckingham Palace, on December 27th, in the course of his reply to the toast in which His Majesty pledged his guests, President Wilson said "We have used great words, all of us, we have used the great words

'right' and 'justice,' and now we are to prove whether or not we understand those words, and how they are to be applied to the particular settlements which must conclude this war. And we must not only understand them, but we must have the courage to act upon our understanding.

"Yet, after I have uttered the word 'courage' it comes into my mind that it would take more courage to resist the great moral tide now running in the world than to yield to it, than to obey it.

"There is a great tide running in the hearts of men. The hearts of men have never beaten so singularly in unison before. Men have never before been so conscious of their brotherhood. Men have never before realized how little difference there was between right and justice in one latitude and in another, under one sovereignty and under another; and it will be our high privilege, I believe, sir, not only to apply the moral judgments of the world to the particular settlements which we shall attempt, but also to organize the moral force of the world, to preserve those settlements, to steady the forces of mankind, and to make the right and the justice to which great nations like our own have devoted themselves the predominant and controlling force of the world."

THE TWO BILLS.

In three weeks' time the new Parliament will assemble, and owing to the autocratic attitude of the College of Nursing Limited, there will again be two Bills for the State Registration of Nurses ready to introduce, the former anti-registration Party having decided to run an employers' measure against that drafted by the organized trained nurses, and the British Medical Association. All we will say this week is that the Nursing Profession will receive the type of legislation they deserve. Let them deserve justice and liberty.

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