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THE NEW YEAR.

E must begin this, the first number of the Nursing Record in 1899, by most cordially wishing our readers a very happy New Year. There is always a ring of hopefulness in new beginnings, and more especially is this the case with a new year. The past year has had its joys and its sorrows, its pleasures and its disappointments, its successes and its failures, but the last leaf is now turned, and the fair, blank pages of the new year lie open before us, and in them are concealed all the possibilities of the unknown. It is for us to grasp the new opportunity afforded, and to impress the now blank pages with a record of work which shall make for the good of woman-kind and of the Nursing Profession. There yet remains much to be done before the condition of nursing satisfies those who desire to see it rank as an organised profession, and its future is in a great measure in the hands of nurses themselves, who by educating public opinion on nursing matters can certainly further considerably the cause of nursing legislation. This therefore is work for the New Year. One event, at least, may be foreseen in the future, which is of the utmost interest and importance to women all over the world-the

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