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The New Year.

THE New Year is upon us, and with it dawns a new era, with opportunities of fresh work, full of possibilities, and full of hope. The page of 1897, with its record of work done, its mistakes, its disappointments, and its joys, is now turned, and the fair, fresh page of the unknown future lies open before us. The possibilities of fresh beginnings are ours, and we shall be wise to reckon up our resources, to consider the work which we would fain accomplish, and the means by which this accomplishment shall be advanced during the coming year.

The goal for trained nurses, still unattained, and therefore still requiring concentrated and united efforts in order to attain, is undoubtedly professional status, legalized by Act of Parliament. That we are rapidly approaching the time when the need of legislation on this matter will be brought before Parliament, we venture to predict. It behoves all nurses, therefore, who are imbued with a sense of professional responsibility, to husband their resources, to give their personal services, and to stand shoulder to shoulder, ignoring all lesser considerations, in a united demand for legislation. When the women themselves show that they are determined, that

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