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A Retrospect.

In accordance with our usual custom, we devote some columns of our issue this week to reviewing the chief events which have occurred in connection with the nursing profession during the past year. To those who have not closely watched current events it may seem that little progress has been made, but, when we realise that it took the medical profession nearly fifty years to obtain legal status, we do not think that nurses need be discouraged. On the contrary, we believe that they have much reason for hopefulness. They have only just passed the first decade of their struggle for legal recognition, and every year the wisdom and the justice of their claim is becoming more obvious to the public. And this fact is of the greatest importance, because nurses must realize that, as a dependent class, they have greater difficulties to contend with than was ever the case with the profession of medicine. The Bishop of London has well said that no cause, and no person, however intrinsically strong, are stronger than their backing; and it is to the support of the public that nurses must look if they wish to attain to a self-respecting position in the body politic. We hope, therefore, that they will go forward, in no spirit of contention, but with a firm grasp of the principles for which they are working, and that, in season and out of season, they will instil into the public mind that the better government and legal status of nurses means the better nursing of the sick, and consequently is a matter which closely concerns every individual.

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