

agreement on all these points although they met at the Congress for the first time. It is probable therefore, that the system of professional education and legislation which has so strongly and generally commended itself to those who have studied and worked out nursing problems for themselves, will in due course secure universal adoption.

As we can fairly claim to have taken a considerable part both in initiating these professional reforms, in constantly discussing their details, and in urging their adoption in the face of incessant opposition, it is unnecessary for us to express our extreme pleasure at seeing the growing progress of these questions.

ORGANIZATION.

Of nursing organization during the past year, the formation of the

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES must first be mentioned. This was the outcome of the International gathering of Nurses in London, last June, and the formation of the Provisional Committee to draw up the Constitution, and to discuss the best methods of organization, took place during the Congress week.

It is hoped that the International Council of Nurses will provide a means of communication between the nurses of all nations, and that it will afford opportunities for their representatives from all parts of the world to meet together to confer upon questions relating to the welfare of the sick, and of their profession. It will be seen, therefore, that the scope of this new Council is a wide one, and the work of all similar bodies gives good ground for believing that such conferences will prove of the utmost benefit.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S NURSES.

This League, which was also the outcome of the International Meeting of Nurses, is the first Association of certificated nurses, in connection with their training school, in this country. The idea has been warmly taken up by the past and present certificated nurses of this great Hospital, and there is little doubt that, in the near future, similar associations will be formed in connection with other training schools.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF DENMARK.

A National Council of Nurses has also been formed, as the outcome of the International Council, in Denmark; its originator being Mrs. Gordon Norrie, one of the Danish delegates to the Congress, and who was requested by 113

matrons and nurses in Denmark to obtain information whilst in England as to the formation of English associations of nurses.

The objects of the Danish National Council of Nurses are (1) the improvement of the training of nurses, (2) to assist nurses throughout the country, (3) to protect the public against the services of untrained nurses. It is to be hoped that the Council will be able to effect these desirable objects, and it will have, in its onerous work, the cordial good wishes of British nurses.

THE AUSTRALASIAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

This Association, which was founded as the New South Wales Association; is already enlarging its borders to include all eligible nurses in Australasia.

Its objects are:—To promote the interests of Trained Nurses, to establish a system of Registration; to afford opportunities for discussing subjects bearing on the work of nursing; to initiate and control provident schemes for the benefit of nurses.

We are glad to notice that Registration is a prominent object of the Australasian Association, and hope that the nurse members will learn from the experience of British nurses that, if they desire to succeed, they must hold fast to the great principle of State control which is involved.

It is evident from the foundation of so many societies for their professional benefit, within the limits of a single year, that nurses are beginning to realize the necessity of organized union amongst themselves. Other countries are also desirous of forming similar associations, but the difficulties in the way of effective organization in most European countries are enormous, and the industrial question imperils the personal liberty of the nurse and frequently makes her unwilling to co-operate for professional purposes, if such co-operation is likely to make her unpopular with her employers.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

The past year has been a successful one for the Matrons' Council, and it is more and more taking the position which belongs to it as the only Society of Superintendents of Nurses in this country. Notably, at the time of the Congress it did much to make the visits of the foreign guests pleasant; and recently the members have had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Hibbard, the nursing superintendent of the

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