

social movements of the time, realise the obligations of citizenship, and appreciate at their true value national and international events. They must live with others, not altogether for them.

During this last decade there has grown up the great International Council of Women, initiated, I need hardly say, by an American woman, to which the women workers of the world gathered into National Councils are affiliated. Listen to the preamble of the Constitution: "Sincerely believing that the best good of humanity will be advanced by greater unity of thought, sympathy, and purpose, we hereby bind ourselves together in a confederation of workers, committed to the overthrow of all forms of ignorance and injustice, and to the application of the Golden Rule of society, law, and custom."

Would it not be well that this Mother Council should attach to itself by the silken strings of sympathy, international societies of experts, such as the nurses have founded in their International Council of Nurses, and thus encourage them in their social and moral development? And would it not also be well that it should gather from us, for its own intellectual expansion, all the expert information we have to impart? In conclusion, may I recapitulate the three points which I wish to impress upon your kind attention, and through the good offices of the press on others also.

1. The need for a more thorough and better organized educational curriculum for trained nurses, and the foundation and endowment of Colleges, in which such education can be centred.

2. The advantages of an International Council of Nurses for the furtherance of the social and professional progress of nurses, and for the maintenance of a high standard of nursing ethics and *esprit de corps*.

3. The advantages of the affiliation of international societies of experts with the International Council of Women, for mutual intellectual expansion and organization.

Appointment.

MATRON.

Miss Sutcliffe has been appointed Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leeds, and the Beckett Street Fever Hospital, in the same city, and acted as Matron of the Liversedge Hospital for eighteen months, and also held the position of nurse in the hospital to which she has now been appointed Matron during a recent small-pox epidemic.

The International Congress of Nurses.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1901.

NURSES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

THE NURSING ORGANISATIONS IN THE AUSTRALASIAN COMMONWEALTH.

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Several months previous to the granting of Federation to the Australian Colonies, an Association of Nurses was founded in New South Wales, named after the colony in which it was inaugurated. The objects of the Association are:

1. To promote the interests of Trained Nurses—male and female—in all matters affecting their work as a class.
2. To establish a system of registration for Trained Nurses.
3. To afford opportunities for discussing subjects bearing on the work of Nursing.
4. To initiate and control schemes that will afford to Nurses a means of providing an allowance during incapacity for work, caused by sickness, accident, age, or other necessitous circumstances."

A few months after its inception it was considered advisable to change the name to a more comprehensive one, in view of the fact that so many nurses trained in the other colonies had been enrolled as members. This was accordingly done at a special meeting convened to deal with this and other important business, and the alteration met with general approval; since that date it has been known as the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association.

Although the Association was not established till 1899, it must not be considered that the Australian Nurses were inactive during the years that preceded its inauguration, for, as early as 1892, a Meeting of Medical men and Nurses was held in Sydney in order to consider what steps could be taken to form an Association of trained nurses in that city. Nothing was accomplished then owing to a diversity of opinion as to what constituted a trained nurse. Since then attempts have been made to form an Association of Nurses in Victoria and New South Wales with no better results than on the previous occasion, but no doubt all these efforts paved the way to the culminating point which was reached when the present Association was formed.

The Australasian Trained Nurses' Association is managed by a Council consisting of a President, a Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, two Hon. Sec-

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