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Editorial.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THERE is always something exhilarating in new beginnings. We turn our backs upon the mistakes, the failures, the troubles and the difficulties of the past and turn our faces to the unknown future with a feeling of relief, knowing that though it may have in store for us some of the difficulties of former days, it may remove others from our way, smooth the stony road over which we have trodden so painfully, and bring to us the fulfilment of our long cherished dreams. So we stretch out our hands in welcome to the New Year, and, realizing that for others as for ourselves it is pregnant with possibilities, the friendly greeting rises naturally to the lips of all "A Happy New Year." To the readers of the NURSING RECORD our good wishes for 1902 are hearty and sincere that in all the relations of life the present year may be for them happy and prosperous. Nurses who come into close contact in their daily work, know one another well, perhaps intimately, yet behind the familiar personality is often another hidden from view, with anxieties and troubles, of which they have no knowledge but which nevertheless weigh down the spirits and perplex the minds

of some of those who maintain a brave front to the world. Therefore both in their public and in their private lives we wish for our readers happiness in the New Year.

But in a nursing journal our thoughts turn naturally to those things which affect us in our corporate capacity, and the outlook for the future is undoubtedly encouraging. It will be still more so if each and all take their share in working for the consolidation and progress of their chosen profession. As the new year is pre-eminently a season for good wishes so is it also for good resolves. Let us then make a new year's resolution that we will work more earnestly for national and international unity, for organization and progress in the profession from which we have learnt most of the lessons of life, and towards which we have definite obligations which we cannot shirk without being ourselves the losers.

In the direction indicated there is work, and plenty of it for willing hands. Many opportunities are wasted for lack of women with professional knowledge to take up the work that is waiting on all sides. May we not hope that we shall see the aspirations which have undoubtedly taken shape in the past year blossom into definite action in that upon which we have now entered?

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