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EDITORIAL.

THE SEASON'S COMPLIMENTS.

WITH heartfelt pleasure we turn aside this week from matters which ordinarily demand attention in this column to greet our readers with the compliments of the season. Since last Christmas this journal has been gaining an ever-widening circle of friends in constantly-increasing numbers, and so to-day our good wishes will speed to every part of the habitable globe.

Especially this year do we convey the message to a thousand American Nurses on behalf of the great sisterhood of Nursing which we represent in the Old Country. We fervently hope that 1890 may witness the birth of an American Nurses' Association, founded on the lines so successfully laid down and built upon by British Nurses. We understand that everything is ready for such a movement to be commenced, and that all the necessary information and assistance has been cordially given and promised by the B.N.A. We welcome the news, and need scarcely add that

we will do all in our power to forward, by means of our American edition, the views and progress of the new body. We congratulate its moving spirits upon the wisdom of their decision in following the example of the English Association, and placing first upon their programme the same measure of professional reform—Registration. We hope they will be less virulently opposed, but will, in any case, be equally steadfast, equally courageous, equally successful in carrying their scheme into effect. If they are opposed, we will give them the same staunch and consistent help in the States which we have endeavoured to give to the sister Association in this country. We may say, *en passant*, that we have given this assistance freely, despite the fact that our advocacy has brought upon our heads many reproaches, and even aroused some few protests. When the history of the movement for Registration comes to be written—and we are glad to know that able hands are now compiling it—it will be found that nine-tenths of the opposition to the scheme has emanated from half-a-dozen people. And when those who now find fault with the stringency of our remarks learn the whole truth of the case, they will, we believe, admit that, if anything, we have been too lenient in our criticisms.

But for the present we would forget all thoughts of opposition and of strife. The Christmas bells are ringing their glad messages around the world, and we would only remember that it is the mission of our readers, by their daily lives and daily work, to constantly preach in the most practical way good will towards everybody. Through the coming year we wish the British Nurses' Association ever-increasing success in forwarding the cause of Nursing and the individual benefits of Nurses all over the United Kingdom.

To our readers individually in particular, and to Trained Nurses collectively in general, all throughout the world, we wish all happiness, health, and prosperity, a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

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