

one being compressed whilst the other is blown.

Lastly, when a cold has occurred, the best treatment is bed and warmth, with a mild alkaline nasal douche and attention to the bowels, all quack nostrums and "cold cures" being carefully avoided.

International News.

THE ENTENTE CORDIALE.

Nurses who are members of Societies affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, more especially those who visited Paris last year, will learn with much pleasure that M. André Mesureur, *Chef du Cabinet du Directeur de l'Administration Générale de l'Assistance Publique*, has extended a charming invitation to British nurses introduced by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to stay at the Nursing School of the Salpêtrière Hospital. He writes: "They will be the guests of our Matron and pupils, our Home will be their home during their stay in Paris. They must not go to an hotel, there is a home for nurses during the few days they visit Paris and our hospitals. Miss Duconseil (the Matron) speaks English, and you may be sure our pupils will be very proud to have such guests, and treat them so that they are desirous to come again." This is, indeed, extending the *entente cordiale* to nurses, and we in this country must not be behind in showing international hospitality to our French colleagues.

THE AFTERMATH.

The January issue of the *Bulletin Professionnel des Infirmières et Gardes Malades* refers editorially to the International Nursing Conference as the most prominent feature of last year; and expresses the belief that it will have the best results for the nursing profession. Referring to the many branches of nursing work dealt with at the Conference, the article states that the papers presented showed the nurse in connection with school, district, maternity, and other departments of nursing, that it mentions on good authority that persons in high places were greatly impressed by the different branches thus described, and it is not improbable that similar organisations may, before long, be founded in France, and that foreign nurses have shown their French colleagues the means to employ in order to arrive at the brilliant results which they themselves have attained.

In conclusion, the *Bulletin* offers to the nurses of all nations the best wishes of French nurses for 1908. They may be sure that these good wishes are heartily reciprocated.

Progress of State Registration.

THE NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.

Members of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses will learn with pleasure that Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson, Member of Parliament for Leith Burghs, has again consented to introduce their Registration Bill into the House of Commons in the coming Session. In consenting, Mr. Munro Ferguson expresses the opinion that the Bill is one of the most important now before Parliament.

PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION IN AUSTRALASIA.

We do not always find the Australian Nursing Journals so interesting as we could wish, because their outlook is somewhat limited, and appears to be bounded by the confines of their own Continent. So far, the Nursing Associations in Australasia have not entered into the fuller life and enjoyment of international relationships. We think it would be mutually beneficial that they should do so.

But within their own boundaries both the Australasian, and the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Associations have done excellent work in organising and consolidating the members of the nursing profession, and in establishing and maintaining nursing standards, and we note with pleasure that in the December issue of the *Australasian Nurses' Journal* the Association of which it is the organ declares itself in no uncertain terms on the subject of State Registration for Nurses.

As we have previously reported, a Bill providing for the State Registration of Nurses has been brought before the Legislative Assembly in New South Wales by Dr. Mackellar, and the Association has received many friendly warnings "to prepare to fight a Bill which will, if passed, be likely to hand over to the State many of the functions hitherto discharged by the Association."

The Journal of the Association rightly declares that "the A.T.N.A. actually came into being with State Registration as one of the chief platforms of its policy, and only established the system of voluntary registration as a makeshift to serve till the time was ripe and the public sufficiently enlightened to be entrusted with the task of passing a sufficiently comprehensive Act to deal with the question." It is not, therefore, likely, our contemporary declares, that just when there is a reasonable chance of a Registration Act, the A.T.N.A. will oppose it.

It shows further that Registration has for its object the protection of the public, and of

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