

tion, examination, and certification for trained nurses, both Indian and European," an object which should command widespread support.

Good work is being done by Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association in providing for the nursing care of European patients. The supervision of the nursing staff is in the hands of Mrs. Davies, the Chief Lady Superintendent, and under her, in the different provinces, Lady Superintendents are appointed in charge of the work. The interesting reports presented by Mrs. Davies from time to time to the Central Committee show that this system works well.

In Canada, the most important event of the year has been the formation of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses (Provisional Organisation), with Miss M. A. Snively as President. Eighteen associations of nurses have already combined in the new association.

In New Zealand, a Volunteer Army Nursing Reserve has been formed, under the Control of the Minister of Defence which will be governed by the regulations of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. As we recently reported, Mrs. Janet Gillies has been appointed Matron-in-Chief.

A HISTORY OF NURSING.

The year 1908 will be memorable for the publication of the first two volumes of the "History of Nursing," by Miss M. A. Nutting, Professor of Domestic Science at Columbia University, and Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses. The history must henceforth rank as a classic with which every member of the nursing profession should be acquainted.

THE PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRESS.

We also welcome two new journals, published under professional control, to the ranks of nursing literature. *Epione*, the organ of the nurses of Finland, and *Kai Tiaki*, of the nurses of New Zealand. Both are admirably edited and published, and are an acquisition to the steadily increasing number of journals which are in professional hands, and which it is so important that nurses should possess.

MIDWIFERY.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

The Central Midwives' Board continues to do a large amount of work in supervising the education and control of midwives, but midwives are still in the anomalous position that they are governed by a board upon which they have no power of placing a member of their profession to represent them. We are glad that at last a member of the Board, Dr. Stanley Atkinson, J.P., is drawing attention in the Press to this injustice, and advocates the addition to the Board of two direct repre-

sentatives of the midwives themselves. The need of such representation was specially felt when the Board decreed that midwives were prohibited from announcing on their name plates and professional cards the names of the hospitals in which they were trained, and the permission, after strong representation as to the hardship entailed, to add the words "by examination" after "certified midwife" in no way satisfied the midwives, whose point of view was evidently not understood. The advantage which the presence of direct representatives of the midwives on the Board would have been to them, when the question was under discussion, is too obvious to need enlarging upon.

A DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE.

The appointment of a Departmental Committee of the Privy Council to inquire into the working of the Midwives' Act, without the inclusion of one midwife upon it affords yet another proof of the unsatisfactory position of midwives under the Act.

CONCLUSION.

It is gratifying to look back upon the past year as one of consolidation of the work of former years, for it has seen more than one scheme, which nurses have long and earnestly desired to establish, brought to fruition. And we can record not only consolidation, but also progress in many directions. We can congratulate ourselves especially on the increasing good fellowship between the nurses of various training schools. It is not many years ago since the nurses trained in different hospitals and infirmaries were strangers to one another, and rarely met. Now, thanks to the Leagues which have been established, and the friendly relations which exist between them, it is quite usual when the meeting of a League takes place for invitations to the Social Gathering, which usually follows the business meeting, to be issued to members of other Leagues, and the distinctive badges of the various societies of nurses are quite a feature of such gatherings. Mutual acquaintance leads to mutual understanding and appreciation, and not the least of the good work done by the Leagues has been to bring different units into closer relationship, and to strengthen the feeling of professional comradeship. The more this feeling can be developed the stronger we shall be as a profession, therefore let us cultivate mutual knowledge by every means in our power.

As we turn the page of the old year, and make ready the one on which the history of the new one shall be inscribed, we will do so with hope and confidence in all that the new year will bring us.

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