

England and Wales, there is being developed under the sanction of the Council of the Institute a system of nursing the poor in rural districts by midwives with some experience of the elements of nursing, not necessarily obtained in hospital, a condition which is the more serious because these workers are regarded as nurses.

When the National Nursing Association was founded over thirty years ago to nurse the sick poor in their own homes, the period of training then enforced was not less than twelve months in hospital, and it is regrettable that after more than 30 years women with less training should be employed under the auspices of the Q. V. J. I. This is largely the result of the control and definition of nursing standards by kindly philanthropists and persons of social position all over the country, who know nothing of the educational work with which they are dealing. When we consider the unique opportunities of a District Nurse as a health missionary, she can hardly be too highly qualified.

The event of the year in the District Nursing world was the Jubilee Congress of District Nursing in Liverpool, in commemoration of the foundation of District Nursing in that city by the late Mr. William Rathbone 50 years ago.

SCHOOL NURSING.

The London County Council has recently made a considerable addition to its staff of thoroughly trained School Nurses, who, under the able supervision of Miss H. L. Pearse, are doing excellent work in the County Council Schools. The nurses have recently been provided with a distinctive uniform, which will, without doubt, give additional prestige to the Service and strengthen the feeling of *esprit de corps* in its members. Education Authorities in various parts of the country are also employing School Nurses, and this work seems likely to develop considerably in the near future.

SCOTLAND.

The most important event in Scotland during the past year has been the formation of the Scottish Nurses' Association under the Presidency of Sir William Macewen, LL.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.S. Hitherto Scottish nurses have been unorganised, and have, therefore, been unable to confer, and take conjoint action, on their professional affairs, and the organisation of their Association is welcomed by their colleagues in England and Ireland.

The immediate cause of union was the introduction into the House of Commons, of a "Registration of Nurses (Scotland) Bill," on behalf of an Association formed for that purpose, to which we refer elsewhere. Many Scottish nurses felt that it contained provisions which would be prejudicial to their professional position, and reali-

sing the uselessness of individual action, formed themselves into an Association as the best means of combatting it.

IRELAND.

In Ireland the Irish Nurses' Association and its Ulster Branch, which have always exhibited a keen professional spirit, have taken active steps to promote the Nurses' Registration Bill, and early in the year sent Resolutions both to the Prime Minister, and to the Chief Secretary for Ireland urging that Lord Amptill's Bill, which passed the House of Lords, should be immediately introduced into the House of Commons as a Government Measure.

Miss M. Lamont, Superintendent of the Irish Branch, Q.V.J.I., was appointed President of the Association at the Annual Meeting and Miss A. M. MacDonnell, R.R.C., Vice-President.

Miss MacDonnell has also been appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, a member of the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals, an honour well merited by her high position in the nursing world.

The Irish nursing world has suffered a serious loss in the death of the Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, Lord Justice of Appeal, whose valuable advice was always at its disposal.

OUR DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS.

In India, the "Association of Nursing Superintendents of India" is an alert and active organisation. At its Annual Conference Miss Tippetts, of Lahore, presented a paper on the necessity for registration for nurses in India, and suggestions as to how this might be accomplished. The Association has also taken the initiative in forming "The Trained Nurses' Association for India," having as its objects: (1) To promote a sense of *esprit de corps* amongst all nurses; (2) to uphold in every way the dignity and honour of the nursing profession; (3) to enable members to take counsel together on matters affecting their profession.

Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association is doing good work in the organisation of private nursing for Europeans in India, and is gaining increased confidence.

The death of Miss Betty, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of Q.A.L.M.N.S. for India, removes one who from the foundation of the Service had loyally worked for its welfare.

In Canada.—Great strides have been made in organisation, notably in the formation of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, through the good offices of Miss Mary A. Snively, its first President. The work done by Miss Snively for nurses and nursing is recognised throughout Canada, and her retirement from the position of Lady Superinten-

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