

tion, and more comprehensive courses. In the meantime Baroness Mannerheim, President of the Association, and its members, in whom their professional paper, *Epione*, is increasingly developing a feeling of fellowship, are doing all in their power to further the best interests of their profession.

In Switzerland.—A Swiss Nurses' Association has been formed at Berne to unite in one Association male and female nurses, with the object of raising the professional standard of nursing, improving the economic condition of nurses, and instituting a uniform curriculum of education. The Association has two branches, one at Berne and one at Zurich.

In Sweden.—The Dowager Queen Sophia takes an active interest in the training of nurses and in raising the standard of nursing. The most important event in the nursing world in Sweden this year has been the issue of "The Swedish Nurses' Journal," a monthly paper edited and published entirely by nurses.

In the United States.—The splendid news of the endowment of a Post-Graduate Course of Training for Nurses to qualify them for social service, in connection with Teachers' College, Columbia University, and the Nurses' Settlement, New York, has been received with enthusiasm in the nursing world, and cannot fail to have an influence for good not only in America but in other countries less favoured.

The appointment of Miss Jane A. Delano, R.N., as Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, has given much satisfaction. The appointment corresponds to that of Matron-in-Chief of the Military Nursing Service in this country. Miss Delano is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital, New York, and was one of the delegates to the International Council of Nurses.

An important Report on Nurse Training has been drafted by a Committee of the American Hospital Association, which enquires and reports on many subjects connected with hospitals. The report is now available, and should be studied by those interested in this question.

In Cuba, the Government are fully alive to the importance of the modern methods of nursing introduced during the American occupation, the schools for nurses are constituted under the supervision of the National Government, the course is for three years, and successful pupils receive diplomas issued by the Rector of the University and the Dean of the Medical Faculty. The schools are now superintended by Cuban nurses.

In Japan the organisation of nursing is rapidly developing, and several Local Governments have enforced regulations by which only those qualified for the work can make nursing

a profession. Under the Red Cross Society only thoroughly trained nurses are employed, and are bound, by oath, to serve it.

THE REGISTRATION MOVEMENT.

One of the most impressive facts in connection with the Registration Movement is the unanimity of organised nurses in all parts of the world in supporting State Registration, as demonstrated by the Resolution of the International Council of Nurses to which we have already referred.

The question in this country has assumed a position of sufficient importance for the Prime Minister to devote time to receiving an influential deputation on the question in May last, when he promised that the very cogent arguments laid before him should be carefully and sympathetically considered by him and his colleagues, but in the rush of public business this woman's question has not received the attention of Parliament.

The formation of a Central Committee composed of Delegates of Societies supporting the principle of State Registration of Nurses under the guidance of Lord Ampthill, which will meet early in the new year, is a statesmanlike step which will consolidate and strengthen the movement.

In Scotland a movement has been inaugurated by Medical Superintendents and Matrons in support of a Nurses' Registration Bill for Scotland only. Scottish nurses are already realising that this would be prejudicial to their interests and it is sincerely to be hoped that when more consideration has been given to the question wiser counsels will prevail, and a British Bill supported.

In the United States of America Nurses' Registration Bills have been passed during the year in the States of Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Texas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Washington.

In New South Wales a Nurses' Registration Bill has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Levy, the member who moved its second reading, informed the House that it came to them with the unanimous approval of the medical profession and the trained nurses of the State. Unfortunately the debate was not finished when the Speaker left the chair, so the Bill has to take its chance of being reached on some other private member's night.

CONCLUSION.

As we turn the last page of the old year, which has brought us our share of happy days, we look forward with confidence to the new, sure that it, too, holds in safe keeping many good gifts, of which it is our part to prove ourselves worthy.

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