

America on a scale of magnitude not hitherto attempted.

Miss Wald is notable for her initiative, and for the ready courage, combined with skill and large foresight, with which she blocks out and puts in motion new pieces of work. It was, for instance, one of her experiments to establish the nurse in the public schools of New York City; an experiment so instantly successful, thanks largely to the wisdom with which it was conducted, that the school nursing is now a definite branch of the work of the municipality under the Health Board and Department of Education, and a staff of nearly a hundred is on duty in New York City, whilst the example is being emulated with astonishing rapidity in other cities of the Union. It was she, also, who conceived and formulated the plan for a Federal Children's Bureau, which was so warmly received by the late President, and which is now being supported by all of the most thoughtful and enlightened statesmen in the United States.

The new experiment is intended to bring the trained visiting or district nurse to all the policy holders of one of the largest life-insurance companies in the city of New York, and, if this prove successful and desirable, it may be an impressive demonstration of the value of the nurse in prevention, and in the curtailment of convalescence and invalidity which might, for all one can say, spread over the Union. In the city of New York alone this particular company has one million small policy holders. They are people of small or moderate means, almost entirely wage-earners, just the people to whom the visiting nurse should go. If the experiment should show that the careful and skilled attention of the nurse, with the application of her resourcefulness in watching over convalescence and in providing the conditions that build up health, is of the same practical benefit to the company in shortening the course of illness, preventing relapses, and promoting health that it has been proved to be to the large manufacturing plant and the mammoth department store, it might be deemed a piece of practical wisdom for all such companies to organise their nursing staff, just as the large business houses have done. The working of the experiment is being developed in one district at a time, the agent for that district, who visits every policy-holder once a week, reporting the cases.

It is still too early to give many details or to make forecasts, but it can hardly be doubted that the preventive value of the work will be great.

The Greek papers report that owing to poli-

tical influences brought upon her to dispense with the services of the English Matron and Sisters from the Military Hospital at Athens, the Crown Princess Sophie has resigned her position of patroness to the institution, and Queen Olga, who has succeeded her, has dismissed the English nurses. Those of us who remember the old Military Hospital at Athens during the Græco-Turkish War, the dirt and desolation of its condition, and can compare it with the fine new institution, which, owing to the interest taken in modern nursing by the Crown Princess, has been in working order for some years, can but regret a step which may lead to a less expert standard of management. Some day, when we have time, we intend to write fully of our most interesting experiences as Superintendent of Nursing in the English staffed hospitals in Greece during the war. Some episodes are too political to recount without a further lapse of time.

### The Asylum Workers' Association.

At the annual meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Tuesday last, Sir William Collins, M.P., who was unanimously re-elected to the Presidency, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke hopefully of the prospects of the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Bill. Mr. Charles Roberts, M.P., seconded the motion.

The following medals were presented by Sir William Collins, on behalf of the Association, for long and meritorious service:—

*Gold Medal.*—Attendant W. Cox (White House), 44½ years' service; Miss A. E. Jackson, 38 years and 4 months' continuous service in one Asylum (Bethlem).

*Silver Medal.*—Attendant J. Marley (Berrywood), 29 years and 9 months. Miss E. Rook (Banstead), 29 years and 10 months.

### Registration at the B.M.A. Meeting.

At the annual representative meeting of the British Medical Association, at Belfast, a rider by the Dundee Branch to the Provisional Agenda, paragraph 43, dealing with Nurses' Registration, will be proposed as follows:—

"That it be an instruction to the Council to take steps to secure adequate representation of the medical profession, through the British Medical Association, on any Board credited under a Registration of Nurses (Scotland) Bill.

The British Medical Association is represented on the Registration Council of the Bill of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, but omitted from the Bill for Scotland only.

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