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Editorial.

"THE NURSING JOURNAL OF INDIA."

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the latest addition to the steadily growing list of professional journals, *The Nursing Journal of India*, a monthly publication, the first number of which has appeared this month. It is published by the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India and the Trained Nurses' Association of India, and is edited by Mrs. W. H. Klosz, R.N., Akola, who received her professional training under Miss Nutting at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, the best of preparation for work which needs a knowledge of nursing history, and a broad-minded and liberal education. The Johns Hopkins' Nursing Library has its special historical section, and it will be remembered that, under the name of the "Teresians," members of the Nurses' Alumnae Association formed themselves into a society for the purpose of acquiring knowledge of all that concerns the history of their profession.

The manager of the new journal is our Indian collaborator, Miss J. W. Thorpe, of the Civil Hospital, Belgaum, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India, and a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, who at its annual meeting received a hearty vote of thanks for her enthusiastic work for the journal and the new Nurses' Association. During the past year, in addition to much other work, she has succeeded in collecting enough money to assure the support of the journal for its first year.

The need of a nursing journal to co-ordinate the interests of nurses in India has long been felt, so now that the Associations of Superintendents and Nurses are well established, it is natural that they should take an early opportunity of carrying out

a long-cherished plan. They could not undertake a more necessary or important piece of work, and in so vast a country it ought to have a great success.

Once organisation was begun in India its development has been rapid. We are told by *The Nursing Journal of India* that when a few Superintendents came together in Lucknow in January, 1905, no one dreamed of a nursing magazine for India, and the Association of Nursing Superintendents of the United Provinces and the Punjab satisfied the ambition of its founders as a beginning. The next year the title was altered to embrace the whole of India, and conferences have since been held in Lahore, Bombay and Agra. The interest of its members has now made possible the publication of the new journal, which it is proposed shall represent all departments of nursing work in the country. The journal contains much interesting information, including the address of the President of the Superintendents' Association, Miss Tippetts, Superintendent of Nurses at the Mayo Hospital, Lahore, at the Conference held at Agra, which shows that the Association is inspired with worthy ideals and is striving to bring the standard of nursing in our great Indian Empire into line with all that is best in other countries. It is most interesting to learn that a resolution on Central Boards of Nursing Education passed at the last Conference was sent to the Governments of the various Provinces and to other authorities concerned, and, in consequence, the Association has been asked by the Punjab Government what rules it would consider necessary for the examination and registration of nurses. This shows the influence of the organised Superintendents, an influence which now that they have the support of a journal of their own, is materially strengthened.

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