

employed both by the London County Council and the Educational Authorities connected with other County Councils. It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of the work of these nurses in the relief of suffering, in inculcating lessons in hygiene, in securing relative cleanliness, in impressing upon parents their responsibility for the health and cleanliness of their children, as well as in relieving suffering in a number of small ailments, and in recognising and reporting at an early stage symptoms of infectious disease.

The School Nurse in a special degree needs tact in relation to the parents with whom she has to deal, and a personality which commands confidence and respect. She should thus be selected from nurses of the highest type, and should command a higher salary than that which she is usually paid.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The Nurses' Missionary League is doing good service in keeping before the nursing world the high motives and aspirations which must always accompany technical skill in the production of the ideal nurse, and by uniting in the League those who desire to translate aspirations into practice. Further, it aims at securing the co-operation of all nurses, of whatever school of thought, who hope to offer themselves for service in the foreign mission field, and, in the autumn, organises a dismissal meeting for those of its members who are proceeding to the foreign field. Thus a bond of union is established between those who have common interests, but whose work lies in far distant directions. It is sometimes brought as a reproach against nurses that there are more medical practitioners at work in the mission field than trained nurses, but it must be remembered that it is only comparatively of recent years that the Missionary Societies have shown any appreciation of the work of trained nurses, or made it possible for them to offer for service abroad.

SCOTLAND.

In Scotland we record with pleasure the formation of the Scottish Matrons' Association, with Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, as President, and Miss Graham as Hon. Secretary.

The Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland, and the Scottish Nurses' Association, conjoint societies of medical men and nurses, are both working for educational improvement and State Registration. Until the last two years there was no co-operation amongst nurses in Scotland of any kind, and the formation of three societies in so

short a time is proof that the need for organisation is being felt in Scotland, and will encourage the nurses to take an interest in the questions affecting their profession as a whole.

IRELAND.

In Ireland the Irish Matrons' Association and Irish Nurses' Association are consolidating their forces and enlarging their borders, the membership of the latter Association during the past year having considerably increased.

Miss Haughton, Matron of Guy's Hospital, and formerly Matron of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, has been appointed an Hon. Member of the Irish Matrons' Association.

OUR DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS.

In India.—In India good progress is being made in organisation, and the Superintendents, and the Nurses, have both their well organised Associations—the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India, and the Trained Nurses' Association of India—working with dutiful enthusiasm for the organisation and uplifting of their profession in the great Indian Empire, and the Annual Conferences at which subjects of professional interest, and problems especially affecting nursing in India, are discussed, are of great benefit.

A most important step forward has been taken by the foundation of a professional journal, *The Nursing Journal of India*, the first number of which appeared in February last, ably edited by Mrs. W. H. Klosz.

An Association, which is doing excellent work in India, amongst the European population, is Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association. The Association maintains centres in India, and Burma, and the services rendered by the Nursing Sisters to the community are of the utmost value.

In Canada.—In Canada the nurses of Ontario are actively working to obtain a Registration Act in the near future, led by the Provincial Graduate Nurses' Association. They are maintaining their solidarity through *The Canadian Nurse*, which is the official organ of every Association of nurses throughout the Dominion.

In Australasia.—In New South Wales and in Victoria the professional Associations of nurses, which have effected a high degree of organisation, both of education and registration, on a voluntary basis, are working for legal registration.

In New Zealand.—The reports of the Inspector-General of Hospitals and Charitable Institutions in the Dominion, and of Miss Maclean, Assistant Inspector, prove that the Registration Acts for both nurses and midwives are having an excellent effect. Examinations are

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