

held periodically, prior to the granting of certificates under the Nurses Registration Act, and a scheme of reciprocal training has been defined which must benefit both the hospitals and the pupils in training.

The nurses of New Zealand have now their own professional Association and journal, *Kai-Tiaki*, and recently when an eight-hour day was imposed by the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act on nurses, the nurses of the Dominion through their Association protested successfully against the inclusion of the registered nurses in such limitation of their hours of work, an instance of the value of a professional association through which they can take conjoint action.

ABROAD.

In the United States of America.—In the United States there is splendid solidity in the Nursing Profession, through the National Association of Superintendents and Nurses. The nurses of Massachusetts after a hard and courageous struggle at length won their legal status, making the twenty-fifth State in which registration is in force.

Owing to the generous endowment of the Hospital Economics Course at Teachers' College, New York, by Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, a reorganisation of the Department became necessary. Its title is now the Department of Nursing and Health, and it includes four distinct divisions of work, viz. :—
(1) Preparation for teaching and supervision in training schools for nurses. (2) For general administration in training schools and hospitals. (3) For public service as teacher nurses, visiting nurses, and school and home-visiting. (4) A preparatory department leading to admission to nurse training schools.

In Germany.—In Germany, under the able guidance of Sister Agnes Karll, the German Nurses' Association is working for high professional ideals and just economic conditions. The great work upon which Sister Karll has been engaged this year is the translation into German of "A History of Nursing," by Miss Nutting and Miss Dock, a task of great magnitude and far-reaching importance.

In France.—In Paris Mme. Jacques has retired from the Matronship of the Training School of the Salpêtrière Hospital to take up once more the work of midwifery. Her term of office has been marked by the organisation on educational lines of the training of the nurses in the new school, for which she has done much.

In July last the first number of *La Soignante*, the monthly journal of the Association of the

certificated pupils of this Nursing School, was published. It is an excellent paper, and beautifully produced.

In Bordeaux the inestimable work of training probationers under the Florence Nightingale system of nursing inaugurated there by Dr. Anna Hamilton is becoming increasingly far-reaching in its results, and the pupils of the different schools now in positions of responsibility are, in their turn, passing on the lessons they have learnt and introducing the best practical and theoretical methods of nursing in many localities, to the great benefit of the sick.

The high repute of the Bordeaux standards is being widely recognised, and the devoted work of Dr. Hamilton and Miss Elston estimated at its true value.

In Italy.—This year has seen the fulfilment of many hopes by the opening by the Queen, who has given the movement her strong personal support, of the "Scuola Convitto, Regina Elena," at the Policlinico Hospital, Rome. At the beginning of April the school, with Miss Dorothy Snell as Matron, and trained Sisters, for the most part English, working under her, took over the nursing of a surgical pavilion of about 80 beds. Like the Bordeaux schools, the aim of the school is to train probationers on "Florence Nightingale lines." Since that time the nursing of a medical pavilion has been entrusted to it, which not only increases the facilities for training, but proves that the work of the nurses has commended itself to the authorities and the medical staff. The foundation of this Roman school must be a great happiness to Miss Turton, who for so many years ploughed a lonely furrow in circumstances of great difficulty.

In Holland.—In Holland the Dutch Nurses' Association is working steadily to arouse public opinion in favour of State Registration of Trained Nurses, and is still hoping for a favourable reply to the petitions addressed by it to the Government in 1907. Meanwhile, the Association has been doing useful work in instituting a course of training, of eight months' duration, for certificated nurses in maternity nursing, with an examination at the end of this time. The training is gratuitous, the pupils maintaining themselves.

In Belgium.—In Belgium we have to record the foundation of *L'Infirmière*, the organ of the lay nursing schools in Belgium, which includes on its Editorial Committee Mme. Cavell, of Brussels.

In Denmark.—In Denmark the provisions of the Bill for the State Registration of Nurses have met with the approval of the Commission.

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