

Government is pledged to an eight-hour system.

The Canadian Nurse brings the news of the resignation of Dr. Helen MacMurchy, its first Editor, under whose fostering care it has passed through the first experimental years of its existence; and has now an assured position as the official organ of all the Associations of Trained Nurses in Canada. Dr. MacMurchy, who has several times visited this country, is known by the nurses whom she has met as an able and charming woman, and no doubt she finds the arduous duty of editing a journal incompatible with the professional claims which throng upon her.

The new Editor is Miss Bella Crosby, who has acted as Assistant Editor. Miss Crosby is also known to nurses on this side of the Atlantic, as she attended the International Nursing Conference in Paris in 1907, and afterwards came to London. Miss Crosby is a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital, but hopes before long to visit every province of Canada, to meet the nurses, and advance their interests. We congratulate Miss Crosby on her appointment to this important position by the Editorial Board of *The Canadian Nurse*, and wish her all success in her new office.

The Nursing Journal of India will have an account of the interesting Conference of Matrons and Nurses held last month at Benares, in the February issue. Miss Tippetts, of Lahore, has been re-elected President of the Association of Nursing Superintendents, and Miss S. Grace Tindall, Lady Superintendent of Cama and Allbless Hospital, Bombay, is the new President of the Trained Nurses' Association. Miss Steen, of the Mure Memorial Hospital, Nagpur, has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Superintendents' Association, and Miss Bonser, of Lahore, fills the same office for the Trained Nurses' Association. This month marks the close of the Journal's first year. It has filled month by month an increasing need amongst nurses in India, and it enters on its second year of life with the warmest good wishes from the mother of nursing journals, the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Miss Dock reports a delightful letter from Miss Survo in Tokio. She and Miss Hagiwara have been gathering material for the third volume of "Nursing History," to appear this year. Miss Survo, who was trained in the United States, says:—"I have not started our settlement work yet, but am trying to

organise it. It is very difficult, for our people could not understand what visiting nurses were. I am visiting twice a week among the very, very poor. At first they were frightened, but now they are understanding better." Miss Dock also reports the following note of sympathy from China:—"The Nurses Association of China wish to express through the *American Journal of Nursing* their sincere sorrow at the death of Mrs. Hampton Robb. By her death the profession has lost a leader as well as a most loyal friend." Thus grows the international nursing entente. We are looking forward to the day when all these dear little nurses—for both Japanese and Chinese women make most gentle and skilful nurses—will form links in our great International Council of Nurses. We are creeping around the world very fast.

The *American Journal of Nursing* suggests that the opportunity should not be lost of presenting a nursing section at the Seventh International Congress on Tuberculosis, to be held in Rome in September, 1911. So many Italians emigrate to the States and locate themselves in New York, and, according to Miss M. A. Gallagher, so little is known in Italy of the distinct menace of tuberculosis that instructive material should be collected, and presented at Rome, and thus a splendid work done for Italians both in Italy and in the United States. Miss Baxter and Miss Turton, who are on the spot, would help with this good work, no doubt. Why should not English nurses do something to help? The Italians are our very good friends.

Old Age Pensions for Nurses.

The question of financial provision for their old age is one which a considerable section of nurses find it necessary sooner or later to face. Such nurses may with advantage study the announcement of the Norwich Union Life Office on page iii. of our advertisements this week. This old-established office possesses a high reputation for its up-to-date methods of insurance; and it devotes special attention to that large class of men and women who do not desire to take up an ordinary life insurance policy, but do wish to invest a portion of their savings in a secure and advantageous manner, and where there is no medical examination. The scheme which this Company has now arranged for nurses' pensions deserves the very careful attention of our readers. It appears to us to be excellently designed to meet the wants of nurses, whilst the strong financial position of the Society renders its guarantee an absolutely safe security for monies invested with it.

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