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NURSING IN 1911.

The year 1911 has been one of much importance to the Nursing Profession, and there are many events of interest to record in our Review of the Year.

THE CORONATION.

Representatives of the Naval and Military Nursing Services were allotted seats in Westminster Abbey on the memorable occasion of the Coronation of their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary, and much public recognition and private hospitality were shown to nurses in the allotment of seats to view the Coronation Processions.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland now includes in membership sixteen affiliated Leagues and Societies.

Early in the year the Nursing Pageant, designed and organised by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the words of which were written by Miss M. Mollett, was presented in London.

Both as a unique and beautiful pictorial demonstration, as a forcible plea for State Registration, and as a literary achievement, the success of the Pageant was widely recognized both at home and abroad.

The National Council of Nurses has also founded The Isla Stewart Oration, as a memorial to the late Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to whom the Nursing Profession in this country owe a profound debt of gratitude for her disinterested work on its behalf. The first Oration, recently delivered by Miss Cox-Davies, President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, is still fresh in the memories of those who filled the Council Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of London, where it was most appropriately delivered.

THE LEAGUES OF CERTIFICATED NURSES.

The most hopeful augury for the future is to be found in the vitality of the self-governing Leagues, affiliated together in the National

Council of Trained Nurses. In these the certificated nurses of a training school meet together for professional and social intercourse, manage their own society and so learn business methods, take action on matters of public interest which affect trained nurses, and enter into broader professional life through the National and International Councils of Nurses.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses has charged itself with the duty of raising a memorial of an educational nature to its founder, and first President, Miss Isla Stewart, for the benefit of St. Bartholomew's Hospital nurses, so that not only those who had the advantage of being trained under her liberal and far-sighted rule, but generations to come, shall learn to reverence one who used her high position for the advancement of the best interests of the profession which she served with such loyal devotion.

Many of the Leagues of Nurses have, during the past year, passed resolutions in relation to the National Insurance Act as it affects nurses while it was before Parliament, which were forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and various Government Departments.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The International Council of Nurses, through its officers (Sister Agnes Karll, the President, and Miss L. L. Dock, its Hon. Secretary), has, during the year, taken steps to forward the arrangements for the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Cologne in August, 1912.

State Insurance, the improvement of educational standards for nurses, and the importance of political enfranchisement as a necessary means to this end, are all subjects on which resolutions will be offered, and concerning which National Councils are asked to give their delegates definite instructions.

The Nurses' Associations in about six countries, including India and New Zealand, have already applied to be admitted to membership of the Council at its Triennial Meeting in Cologne.

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