

OUR DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS.

In India.—In India the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India and the Trained Nurses' Association of India are grappling with the difficult task of the organization of nursing throughout that vast Empire. The Annual Conferences arranged by these Associations cannot fail to be of great benefit to nurses in membership with them.

English nurses have had the pleasure of welcoming this year the Editor of the *Nursing Journal of India* (Mrs. W. H. Klosz, R.N.), who speedily won for herself the warm regard of her English colleagues. Miss M. E. Butcher has assumed the duties of editor during Mrs. Klosz's absence.

Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, of which Lady Hardinge, wife of the Viceroy, is now President in India, continues to do useful work in bringing the services of skilled nurses to members of the community in India and Burmah.

In the Bombay Presidency the Nursing Association has defined regulations for the training of midwives, under which six months' nursing of women and children and six months' obstetrical training are required; also attendance on at least thirty labour and lying-in cases.

In Canada.—In Canada the Superintendents are united in "The Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses," the President of which is Miss Ard Mackenzie. The Society concerns itself with all questions relating to nursing education, standards, and ideals, and assists in furthering all matters pertaining to the public health.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario has drafted a Nurses' Registration Bill, which has been introduced into the Legislature.

Miss Crosby has been appointed editor of the *Canadian Nurse*, in succession to Dr. Helen McMurchy, who for years did good service in this capacity; the paper has, therefore, now arrived at the ideal of having a trained nurse as its editor. Miss M. A. Snively has been re-elected President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, which has a liberal professional constitution.

In Australasia.—The last news received from New South Wales on the position of the nurses' registration movement is that it was hoped a Bill with this object might be introduced as a Government measure during the present year.

In Victoria the drafting of a Bill for the better regulation and inspection of private hospitals inevitably raises the question of the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

In the same Colony the election of a trained nurse—Miss Ayres, for many years Matron of

the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, and one of the original founders of the Association—as President, is a happy augury for the future.

In Queensland the introduction of a Nurses' Registration Bill into Parliament, as part of a Public Health Bill, without any provision for the representation of the Nursing Profession on the Board to be appointed, led to demands being formulated by the Queensland Branch of the A.T.N.A. and the promise of amendments on the part of the Home Secretary. A Nurses' Registration Bill has also been drafted in Western Australia.

In New Zealand.—From New Zealand application was made to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick by the Board of the Dunedin and Allied Hospitals to select a Lady Superintendent for this important post, and Miss K. M. Mackenzie, Assistant Matron at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, has been appointed.

Apparently the supply of nurses in New Zealand is not sufficient to meet the demand, for application has been made by the Inspector of Hospitals to the Colonial Nursing Association for twelve fully trained nurses to take up work in the Dominion.

The definition of a system by which hospital trained nurses shall be available for settlers in remote districts has been engaging attention, and has the warm sympathy of Lady Islington, the wife of the Governor.

ABROAD.

In the United States of America.—In the United States the American Society of Superintendents and the Nurses' National Associated Alumnae, which has now changed its title to that of the American Nurses' Association, are doing splendid work, and, united in the American Federation of Nurses, take conjoint action on professional matters.

The Department of Nursing and Health at Teachers' College, Columbia University, under the direction of Professor M. A. Nutting, R.N., continues to furnish excellent courses for preparing students for various fields of work.

The graduates of the course have now formed their own Alumnae Association.

Five States have this year won their legal status—Oregon, Vermont, Tennessee, Idaho, and Wisconsin—bringing the total number up to thirty.

Miss L. L. Dock and Miss M. A. Nutting are at work on the third volume of "A History of Nursing," which we look forward to having on sale at the Cologne Congress.

In Germany.—In Germany, at the International Exhibition of Hygiene at Dresden, the German Nurses' Association had an important Nursing Exhibit, and organized a Nurses' Con-

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